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'Tinian divert airfield doubtful'

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U.S. Air Force officials trumpeted yesterday revised plans for a divert airfield on Saipan and/or Tinian that they say would reduce the scope and footprint of the larger and more intrusive plans shared in 2012.

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Decision to remove Rota priest's pastoral duties comes under fire

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The parish council of San Isidro Church in Sinapalo, Rota is in an uproar after learning that Rev. Monsignor Luis Antonelli will be stripped of most pastoral and administrative duties by Nov. 29. They are requesting the Dio-

cese of Chalan Kanoa to reconsider its decision.

In a news statement issued by parish council spokesman Pedro Dela Cruz, it said there is "no just cause or evidence to remove [Antonelli's] pastoral or administration duties as he has always fulfilled his obligation and responsibility."

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Pacific coral reefs face bleaching, other threats

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Bleaching and other emerging issues faced by coral reefs were highlighted by the U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee at the 34th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in Fajardo, Puerto Rico last week.

In a report to the task force, AIC, of

which the CNMI is a member, presented an update on their activities, accomplishments, and emerging issues.

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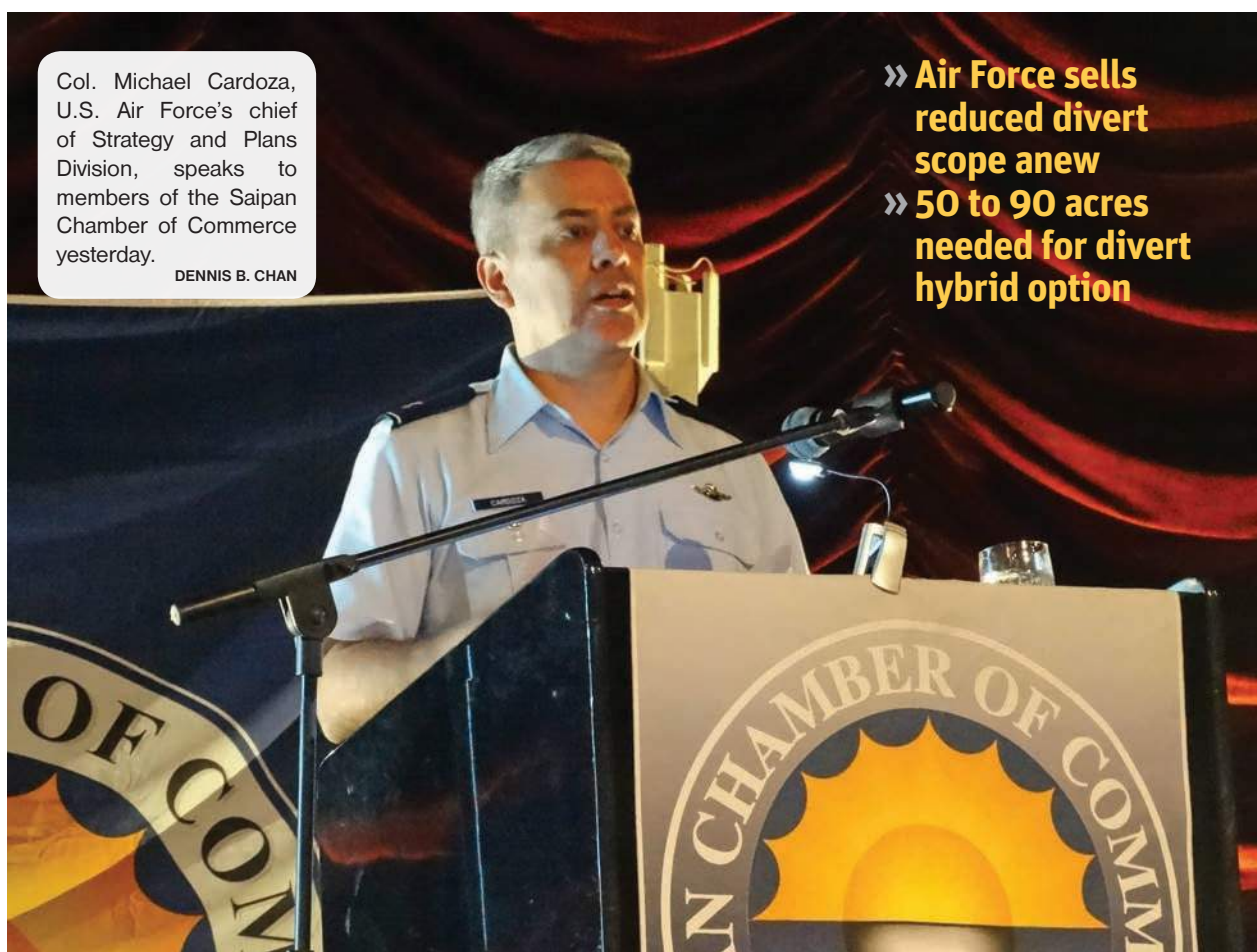
Fran Castro, director of the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Division of Coastal Resources Management who chairs the AIC, reported that their jurisdictions and is-

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Col. Michael Cardoza, U.S. Air Force's chief of Strategy and Plans Division, speaks to members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

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Frica: Co-op plagued by non-cooperative farmers

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Ironically, the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association—which was formed to coordinate and strengthen the is-

land's agricultural sector—is plagued by members who refuse to cooperate for the continued and improved operation of the market in Garapan, according to former co-op president and manager Maria Frica Pangelinan.

In a report submitted to the co-op board and membership along with her resignation, Pangelinan said the market's first year of operation was doomed by the lack of cooperation

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MORE THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER SOUDELOR '120 families still without a home'

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More than three months after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan, many residents still have no roofs above their heads.

"There are still 120 families without a home," said Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero, Department of Public Works acting building safety official, at a Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts meeting last Tuesday.

"We are looking at using abandoned homes that, although aren't in perfect condition, just

need sprucing up and have water and power capabilities as a short-term solution," he said.

He also shared temporary housing solutions to address those left homeless after the typhoon's wrath.

Members of the CARE construction sub-committee hinted at converting and using abandoned buildings such as those in Lower MIHA housing in Garapan and many privately owned abandoned buildings around the island.

"These are some good options. An investor right now would like to bring pre-fabricated homes to be staged at [the]

Garapan Public Market so that people can see what works for them, see the design and also so that we can see if it's up to code. The investor is hoping to have this done by February of next year," he said.

Deleon Guerrero stated the costs of the pre-fabricated homes have not been released yet and will depend on specifications that must be approved. However, he said the smallest house size allowed is 600 sq. ft.

"People have to understand that earthquakes, flooding, and winds affect the home," he said, "and we want to build



Abandoned homes of Lower MIHA in Garapan have been left idle for several years. DPW's acting building safety official Weston Guerrero suggests the possibility of the houses' use as a temporary solution for those left homeless after Typhoon Soudelor.

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safer, stronger homes for the community."

He said the DPW Building Code Safety Division should be informed before the start of any construction.

"Some people are scared to come in to ask for help because they think we will stop their progress but we just want to make sure it's safe before they build it the same way again or in a worse condition," he said.

According to volunteers ac-

tively involved in direct relief, these affordable temporary solutions were proposed at the initial weeks of Typhoon Soudelor, or about three months ago with possible pre-fabricated homes for as little as \$75 to \$500 so as to provide housing for those having to leave the shelters, those living in homes invaded by mold or given inadequate assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the Small Busi-

ness Administration. They said that many are still homeless or living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

Saipan Tribune reported yesterday that many people are being waitlisted for the construction of their homes, with many being told to wait until next year. Reportedly, there are only nine contractors working with CARE, many of which have only two to three employees performing construction work.

CUC working with FEMA on mitigation projects

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Aside from restoring power on Saipan following Typhoon Soudelor, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is also planning on doing some mitigation projects to avoid major blows to CNMI utilities during disasters.

According to acting executive director John Riegel, they are working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency with regards to these projects.

"We're working with FEMA on identifying several mitigation projects," Riegel said in an interview.

One of the projects that they are looking at is utilizing the area where Power Plant 3 used to be.

"We're not going to turn it

into a power plant. What that does, it lends itself nicely to a project where we can take that site and fit it with a temporary generator," Riegel said.

The generator will then be used as a backup for water distribution.

"In the event of another storm, we'll be able to go to that one site, energize that generator, and that would reach all the wells down in Isley Field, which is a major producer for our water system, so that we will be able to get more water into the system quicker," Riegel said.

After Typhoon Soudelor hit, water service was cut off for the entire island after all power service was knocked out and there were no electricity to power the pumps. FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ini-

tially placed generators in various water wells to supply water.

Another project that they are looking at, which would be huge and would require a lot of money, is burying most of the feeders.

He said the first thing that they would need to do is develop the scope of work and submit a proposal to FEMA.

"We already have some preliminary plans, not for construction but for seeking grants to get funding," Riegel said.

He noted that the wastewater treatment plant in Sadog Tasi also needs a new generator while the building of Power Plant 1 needs to be strengthened.

"The building in Power Plant 1 sustained a lot of damage. Another project would be to harden that building, make it more typhoon resistant," Riegel said.

Organizations sought to create community gardens

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The Let's Move Marianas alliance and the Department of Public Health have launched a project to establish community gardens in the CNMI.

According to Let's Move Marianas chair and DPH-NCD Bureau's diabetes project assistant Amber Mendiola, the project is part of the awareness month for diabetes and lung cancer.

Six locations will be identified for the community gardens.

Two that are already established are the Kagman Health Community Center and Koblerville Youth Center.

Mendiola is urging community organizations in the CNMI to participate.

"We want community organizations to get involved with the community gardens," she said.

The community gardens will be a place where participating organizations will be able to plant and grow their own cucumber, lettuce, potatoes, mulberry bushes, atis, pumpkin, and watermelons, to name a few.

"We will be having trainings on the 21st and the 28th for individuals who want to be part of the community gardens," Mendiola said.

Victor Cabrera, a gardener, will be conducting the training focusing on home gardening as well as utilizing recyclable materials for the gardens.

Mendiola said they can accommodate up to 40 individuals during the training.

Those who want to take part in the project may contact Mendiola at amendiola@ncdb@gmail.com.

Senators urge passage of casino bill to fund commission

Senators urged the House of Representatives on Tuesday to act promptly on a bill that would amend the Saipan casino law, saying it is critical to the operations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

Senate President Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota) expressed hope during a session on Tuesday that the House would consider House Bill 19-95 on

Friday during their session on Rota. He said the bill's funding provisions is critical to the commission's operations.

"We need to see House action on our action today," he said, adding that the bill the Senate passed took into consideration the many concerns of CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan and incorporated it into the revised bill.

The controversial bill originally passed the Senate last Thursday but, after hearing the CNMI attorney general's concerns over provisions relating to confidentiality and public inspection of casino regulator records, among others, the Senate recalled and then passed a new version of the bill.

Senate floor leader Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), who had

moved for the recall of the casino bill and then its passage on Tuesday, said it was the prerogative of the Senate to reassess its action upon further review of the bill, which they had passed the week prior.

He said "problematic language" that the members did not fully grasp necessitated the recall in view of the attorney general's recommendations, which were sent as a comment letter to the Senate a day after they had passed the bill on Friday.

Palacios said the bill includes some of those recommendations to clarify certain provisions that were pointed out as either am-

biguous or problematic.

"I believe the full intent of the legislation and the full intent of the Senate is to be transparent in the actions of the commission," Palacios said. "...[The bill] also authorizes [full time equivalents] for the commission's personnel to do its work.

"There were other issues, of course, that kind of took on a controversial texture overall to a certain extent in the public view's, but I believe the new version...does address a lot of these concerns" and will "clarify the actions that we are going to be taking.

"I hope that overall controver-

sies and back and forth communications between the Legislature and the attorney general and the commission are put to rest, and allow the commission to move forward in a transparent, effective manner that eventually will earn the public trust that it should have," Palacios said.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) said the CNMI is dealing with a \$3 billion to \$7 billion industry, and the bill was a "good product that will respond to the casino industry" and "the need of the casino commission to do their job to regulate and help the industry move forward." **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Judge upholds jury's guilty verdict vs woman who arranged fake marriages

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied a motion to acquit Qiong Lu Pua, who was found guilty by a federal jury of orchestrating two sham marriages so that her brother and friend could obtain green cards.

Manglona said all the evidence on record would persuade a reasonable juror to find Pua guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of conspiring to defraud the United States.

"The defense raises an important concern about the risk of convictions on wholly unreliable perjured testimony, but this is not such a case," said Manglona in denying Pua's motion for acquittal.

She said the court will not disturb the jury's verdict.

Pua, a Chinese who is a legal permanent resident of the United States, faces a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. She

Bill seeks to rename San Antonio Middle School

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill to rename the San Antonio Middle School after Francisco Mendiola Sablan, the school's first principal and a former CNMI representative.

House Bill 19-106 renames the San Antonio Middle School as the "Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School." The bill provides that a new sign bearing the school's new name will be "prominently and permanently attached" to the main building or affixed at the main entrance of the campus.

The bill says that Sablan's esteemed working career has benefited the entire Commonwealth, most especially the residents and community of San Antonio Village.

"Upon the opening of San Antonio Elementary School, Mr. Sablan served as its principal from 1971 to 1985," the bill states. "Prior to serving as... principal, he served as a congressman in the Mariana Islands Legislative District."

The bill say Sablan has spent a majority of his professional career in the education field and renaming the middle school—the former San Antonio Elementary School—would honor Sablan for his years of service. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

remains at liberty until her sentencing.

Pua, through counsel Mark Hanson, had asked the court to set aside the jury's verdict and acquit her, saying the testimonies of Norma Nekaifes and Benigno Mettao were insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Pua participated in the conspiracy.

Pua used to be a neighbor of Nekaifes and Mettao on Saipan. Nekaifes and Mettao, both U.S. citizens who live and have a child together and adopted another, married Pua's friend, Baoqin Ding, and her brother, Zhenqing Lu.

Hanson contended that Nekaifes and Mettao—as alleged conspirators, plea bargain witnesses, and admitted liars—cannot be believed as a matter of law.

But Manglona, however, ruled that sufficient circumstantial and corroborating evidence exists that a reasonable trier of fact could find that Pua participated in the marriage fraud conspiracy.

Manglona noted that Pua alleges no other error, no new trial is sought, and the evidence tends to corroborate Mettao and Nekaifes' testimony.

Manglona said the common connection among all the conspirators is Pua, as she connects Nekaifes and Mettao to

Lu and Ding.

The judge said the evidence received at the trial supports an inference that Pua participated in the wedding fraud conspiracy.

Knowing what she knew about the wedding party, it makes more sense that Pua participated in the conspiracy than that she was an innocent bystander, Manglona said.

She said as Mettao and Nekaifes' neighbor, Pua knew that they were a couple.

"With that knowledge, it should have struck Pua as unusual that Mettao would marry Ding absent some strife with Nekaifes," she pointed out.

Manglona said the inference of Pua's participation in the Nekaifes/Lu wedding fraud case is even stronger.

"It strains credulity to believe that Pua's brother could arrive on Saipan and immediately make plans to marry Pua's neighbor without Pua participating in the scheme," the judge said.

Particularly in light of the sham marriage between Mettao and Ding only five months earlier, it is much more likely that Pua purposefully arranged the fraudulent marriage as Nekaifes and Mettao testified, Manglona said.

"Any reasonable juror could have reached the same conclusion," she added.



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According to Air Force officials yesterday, they aim to gather community buy-in for three airfield projects on Saipan that they say would meet direct timelines set by the Secretary of the Air Force and congressional funding windows before fiscal year 2018.

Business leaders are worried, though, that the commercial benefits of a divert “hybrid” option, which spreads out divert facilities on both Saipan and Tinian, may not be realized if selected by the Air Force, as the \$29.3 million appropriated by Congress in 2014 remains authorized only for Saipan, despite efforts by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) last year to expand funding to Tinian.

Business leaders within the Saipan Chamber of Commerce are concerned that shrinking Defense budgets and congressional infighting would eliminate the chances for funding

the much-needed Tinian airport development, and leave a divert airfield solely on Saipan for the foreseeable future.

Col. Michael Cardoza, U.S. Air Force’s chief of Strategy and Plans Division, told *Saipan Tribune* last night during an open house at Northern Marianas College that once the money was authorized, the Air Force had a certain amount of time to execute the project.

“Yes, the funding is tied” to these deadlines, he said. “We are already at the point where we are going to ask for a year extension on that money.”

“The three-year authorization...we’ll have to get an extension of that,” he added.

The Air Force has to put the money on contract within five years, as they have an appropriation that is good for five years, in a project that is authorized for three years, other Air Force officials explained.

Cardoza also spoke to the Saipan Chamber Commerce yesterday, and led the presentation at an open house meeting at NMC last night.

He stressed in both meetings the possibility of shared infrastructure use on Saipan and/or Tinian, as he said the Air Force would not use fuel, parking, and other infrastructure facilities for majority of the year. The Air Force plans to conduct exercises with tanker aircraft similar to the size and frame of commercial planes that regularly land on Saipan, according to Cardoza.

He said the Air Force plans for six to eight weeks of exercises per year, for about two exercises per year. He emphasized, though, that they really expect to train for two- to three-week exercises, but did not want to undersell training times.

“For the rest of the year, there will be no airport presence here,” he told business leaders yesterday.

Cardoza told reporters later that the Air Force believes that the hybrid alternative is the option that is most mutually beneficial for both sides, reduces the development on Saipan, and puts the majority on Tinian.

Cardoza told reporters that under the hybrid plan, devel-

opment on Saipan would start first. “Those are three projects we have funding for right now.”

“...It would be a small parking ramp, a maintenance facility, and some fuel infrastructure,” he said.

Unfunded mandates

“Some of the back story that has not been provided is that the \$29 million that was initially provided in budgeting was only for Saipan,” said Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan in an interview.

“Our concern is that when a decision comes down—with budgets being reduced in the military, budget fights in Congress all the time—the concern that we have is that if the hybrid decision is chosen, there isn’t going to be any funding for Tinian.

“Tinian needs the available resources—the tank farm, the aprons, everything that is going to be put into the development there so that they can grow their economy, they can get direct flights, international flights, and be able to increase their opportunities,” he said, noting that

Chamber has always taken the position to support a “Tinian first” approach.

“If this hybrid does come forth, the emphasis would be to put all the assets on Tinian first, and then come to the Saipan opportunity. But right now, as we see it, the funding is only for Saipan and the concern we have is that they put the assets on Saipan first and then there is no budget” for Tinian.

“We’ve been told directly by the Air Force that there is no guarantee that funding will be provided for a Tinian development, especially since a Saipan proposal has already been made.

“I find it difficult to believe that Congress is going to support two airfields, which are three miles apart on funding level when again, budgets are shrinking in the military,” he added.

Delegate Sablan inserted last year provisions in the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act to allow for a divert airfield to be placed at “any suitable location” in the Northern Marianas, backing the CNMI government preference for divert activities on Tinian, where already two-thirds of land is leased to the U.S. military. The provisions, though, were dropped in the eventual NDAA agreement.

However, Congress, in their explanatory statement, welcomed changes if deemed necessary by the U.S. Air Force, and said if “necessary, upon issuing a Record of Decision, we would welcome a legislative proposal from the Secretary of the Air Force to modify the scope or location for the project as currently authorized” by law.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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ties to the San Isidro Church and its parishioners. He has accomplished more for Rota’s parishioners than any person in Rota’s history.”

The statement warns that “there will be more harm than good done if this plan is executed.”

It said the parishioners of Rota hope that the Chalan Kanoa Diocese “will give consideration that the people of Rota know what is right for them that best fits the needs of their community.”

San Isidro Parish Council president James C. Manglona said the Rota parishioners “will be devastated if they are not able to practice their tradition with our beloved monsignor who under his leadership and guidance built San Isidro Church without debt...”

Manglona said he has tried to contact Fr. Ryan Jimenez, the apostolic administrator for the Dio-

cese of Chalan Kanoa, but there has been no response so far.

In a phone interview, Dela Cruz said, “Our president left a message with the diocese secretary and Fr. Ryan didn’t even try contact us. So then an email was sent explaining the situation but Fr. Ryan ignored the email. This is the reason a press release was issued so that he would try to talk to us but he has ignored it. The main reason why we’re doing this is because you don’t do that to a priest who has been serving the church for many years. In fact, before that, he was the director of the seminary in Guam at Father Duenas. Having said that, he will be the next in line to become the bishop... We’re just wondering why are you doing this?”

Calls made to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa last night after office hours were not answered.

Dela Cruz said the parishioners took it upon themselves to let the people know what is going on within the parish.

“We invite [Fr. Ryan] to come down to Rota and talk to

the parishioners... [Monsignor Antonelli] has always indicated that he wants to continue to serve the people but if they feel that [Monsignor Antonelli] is old than they should assist him, not remove him,” he said.

A few weeks ago, the parishioners and the diocese arranged a meeting but Jimenez reportedly cancelled and instead met with Antonelli and notified him of his removal.

“You don’t fire a priest without cause. [Jimenez] doesn’t have the authority. He’s only been there for five years and is there to make sure things run smoothly until they assign a bishop. The only one who can actually get rid of a priest is the pope,” Dela Cruz said.

The decision to remove Antonelli’s administrative and pastoral duties came as a surprise to the parishioners. They said their only contact with Jimenez was when he visited Rota to inform the parish of the decision to remove the monsignor from the leadership.

The parishioners are planning

to take action with the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and are asking the diocese to respect the wishes of the parishioners and withdraw the effective date for Antonelli’s departure.

A petition is being drafted and will be distributed and sent the diocese and the Apostolic Nuncio in New Zealand, who is the Pacific Apostolic Delegate to the Vatican.

Manglona is asking the people of Rota to voice their objections by signing the petition.

He pointed out that, for the people of Rota, Antonelli is a spiritual and community icon and has earned the respect of the parishioners by providing communion to the sick, instituting all the sacraments, fulfilling all his pastoral obligations and also having served as a teacher for many seminarians, including bishop emeritus Thomas Camacho.

Antonelli has served the people of Rota for over 42 years for both the Sinapalo San Isidro Church and the San Francisco De Borja Church.

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lands have faced extraordinary events that have impacted coral reefs and strained their resources and capacity.

“The strong El Niño has resulted in both increased storm activity as well as substantial coral bleaching,” Castro said. “The jurisdictions have seen coral bleaching on reefs just barely recovering from last year’s bleaching event.”

In the CNMI, AIC reported that coral reef resources were severely impacted by consecutive thermal stress events in 2013 and 2014. Approximately 85 percent of staghorn corals in the Saipan Lagoon have died as indicated by recent surveys.

The report added that low diversity, shallow-water coral assemblages across the remote Northern Islands suffered similar fates.

Typhoon Soudelor, which made a direct hit on Saipan last August, also had an impact on coral reefs.

“Preliminary assessments indicate that while some reefs were severely impacted by the storm, damage appear to be highly spatially heterogeneous. In addition to damage from wave energy, the storm resulted in one ship grounding on coral reef habitat and damage to seagrass habitat were incurred from various storm related debris,” the report said.

Guam, which also experienced two consecutive bleaching events in 2013 and 2014,

may experience another one this year depending on storm activity, according to the report.

In American Samoa, scientists are predicting coral bleaching and coral death this season—a further blow from the major harm already caused by a longline fishing vessel running aground in Nuuli in May. American Samoa also continues to address the ongoing outbreak of crown of thorns starfish, which are a voracious eater of coral reefs.

Hawaii also experienced another summer of significant bleaching as early as September as a result of water temperatures up to 91° F, while the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to deal with a large influx of Sargassum seaweed and an increase in the invasive *Halophila stipulacea*.

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among members.

“This past year has clearly highlighted most of the farmers’ lack of understanding and cooperation in actions required to support meeting our mutually beneficial economic goals,” she said.

Except for a loyal few, Pangelinan said many farmers are “not fully cooperating in the spirit of cooperative principles and legal foundations.”

Moreover, farmers also prefer to sell their products directly to others.

“Most farmers prefer to sell their products directly to government agencies, businesses, and individuals. Although as members of the co-op, it doesn’t make sense why they would demise themselves by undermining their own co-op,” Pangelinan said.

Some members of the co-op also ignore their membership and continue to support the Sabalu Market—a competitor group—or want to set up their own tents outside the co-op market building, according to Pangelinan.

Those who set up their tents every Saturday do so with the condition that the co-op pays them for what they are not able to sell directly, she said.

“In other words, the co-op will be the dumping place for Saturday tent leftovers,” she said.

Pangelinan also noted the old problem of farmers not having a regular production and supply of produce to sell.

She said farmers need to be classified based on their labor input and the level of revenue they generate.

“A category of farmers should be described as to who are full-time commercial, part-time commercial, full-time subsistence, part-time subsistence. Once these farmers are classified, only then does the infrastructure for market expan-

sion become a real issue. Government agencies such as [the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service] and [Department of Lands and Natural Resources] would also have a better organization as to which farmers should receive government services and support to reach the market,” Pangelinan said.

The co-op also needs someone who will be able to prove to the farmers the value of being a member, she said.

The former senator presented four options for the Garapan market: maintain the status quo, go out of business, retrench, or expand.

Under retrenching, Pangelinan suggested that the co-op temporarily close the operation inside the building, while farmers have the option to continue selling their produce outside the building, using their own expenses and absorbing their own losses. This way, completion of the energy grant will proceed and the new manager of the co-op can plan the next step for the organization.

Under expansion, Pangelinan suggested the inclusion of other locally made products to be sold in the market.

“There is a need to include all locally made foods and products to be part of the co-op. The name can be ‘Produktun Taotao Tano’ or ‘Ko’operatibun Taotao Tano.’ This will include all cottage-type industries, processed food, fiesta food, local recipes food, and anything locally made using local natural resources of the island,” Pangelinan said.

The addition of imported products could also be done to supplement local produce during low peak or when crops are affected by weather, she said.

In conclusion, Pangelinan recommends retrenchment.

“Retrenchment would provide the best hope and opportunity for the co-op’s future success,” she said.

Pangelinan resigned as co-op president on Oct. 28, 2015.

SCC elects new members of board of directors

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce elected yesterday four new members of its board of directors during a general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Sandcastle.

A total of seven nominees were on the ballot and the winning votes went to Perry Inos Jr. of Triple J Corp., Mike Johnson of Deloitte & Touche LLC., IT&E Engineering and Plant Technical Services manager Velma Palacios, and CTSI's Alex Sablan who has been with the Chamber for over 20 years and served previously as president of

the Rotary Club of Saipan.

During the meeting, Sablan, who is also the Chamber president, briefly addressed members on the critical economic issue of the reduction in contract workers that is a grave concern for current businesses.

"The loss of 1,000 CW's is going to hurt. 15,000 new jobs are going to be created by the casino as well as six other ongoing projects. We're looking at our businesses and doing a head count of what we need. We're hopeful that the 902 talks are successful or that hopefully we can create another visa program," he said.

Guest speakers who also at-

tended the meeting were Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland, Mable Ayuyu of the Saipan Young Professionals,

and Col. Michael R. Cardoza, chief of the U.S. Air Force's Strategy and Plans Division, who addressed the membership about the revised divert airfield

plan for Saipan and Tinian.

The Chamber is the largest private business organization in the CNMI, with over 155 members. SCC elections are held

every November for officers and directors. Member votes are apportioned to their annual membership contribution and only members who have served on the board of directors for at least one year are eligible to run for the position of president.

VOX POPULI

What does Citizenship Day mean to you?

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Yesterday was Citizenship Day for the people of the Commonwealth. However, no special ceremony was held to honor or observe its significance. *Saipan Tribune* asked people from various backgrounds what the day means to them. Here is what we've gathered:

"Citizenship Day celebrates the day that American citizenship was conferred on the people of the Northern Marianas. That was in 1986, 10 years after we became a Commonwealth in political union with the United States. This day is a time to reflect on, and appreciate, the freedoms, rights, and privileges we enjoy as members of the American political family. It is also a time to remember and exercise the responsibilities of citizenship; to vote and participate in the affairs of our government, to be informed, to speak up for the most vulnerable among us, to serve our community and nation to the best of our abilities. As citizens of this great commonwealth and country, we are called to continually strive to create a more perfect union, and a more just and democratic society."

—**Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan**

"Citizenship means community to me. It means being part of the whole country or even whether it's your village or town or city, you need to be an active member."

—**John Hirsch, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director**

"I've been a citizen since I was born but for many, it started in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan signed the declaration and provided all of the Trust Territory passport holders in the Commonwealth American citizenship or an American passport. I think that holds a great honor for the many individuals who received that and every

year they recognize this day as a holiday and it's to recall and remember the day everyone became an American citizen."

—**Alex Sablan, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president**

"Citizenship means believing and acting on the idea that it's my responsibility as much as anyone else's to create the kind of community that I want to live in."

—**Jenny Hegland, Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director**

"Being a citizen for me means being someone who is strong. Someone who is an advocate for [his or her] community and truly wants to make a positive difference for the island, family or even the place that you work for."

—**Mable Ayuyu, Saipan Young Professionals chair**

"They say the U.S. is a melting pot of the world. I'm proud to be an American. This Citizenship Day is a way to celebrate and recognize that melting pot right here in our backyard. People strive for years to get the coveted symbol of joining a land of freedom and opportunity."

—**Jillian Angeline, KSPN2 news anchor**

"It is having the privilege of involving yourself in the community, by work, by family, in the islands here and to consider yourself part of that overall community and its government here in the CNMI."

—**Perry Inos Jr., Saipan Chamber of Commerce board director**

"Citizenship Day is when you celebrate being an American citizen and the freedoms, especially since many people in different countries aren't able to do, like freedom of speech or the freedom to choose your own religion."

—**Del Mendiola, Rotaract Club of Saipan president**

Man gets 10-day sentence for rampage

A 22-year-old man who was arrested and charged for going on a rampage in Dandan after his mother gave him only \$5 instead of the \$20 that he was asking for pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and was slapped with a 10-day prison term.

J.T. Juan Rios Taitano pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal. He was represented by assistant public defender Tillman Clark.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced Taitano to 30 days in

prison, all suspended except for 10 days, with credit for 12 days of time served. That means Taitano immediately goes free.

Taitano was placed on probation for one year, required to perform 50 hours of community service, and ordered to attend any recommended counseling at the Community Guidance Center.

Taitano is prohibited from harassing or assaulting his mother and from possessing or consuming any controlled substance during his probation.

As part of the plea deal, the remaining criminal mischief charge was dropped.

The mother had sought police's help when Taitano started screaming and breaking items at their house on June 5, 2015, on Saipan. Taitano was upset at his mother for not giving him money so he yelled and screamed at her.

The mother believed that her son was under the influence of methamphetamine or "ice" at the time.


Police detective Daniel T. Kintol stated in his report that earlier that day, the mother

asked Taitano to clear the overgrown vegetation outside their residence. Taitano was doing fine until a vehicle arrived at the house. Taitano approached the vehicle and then went to his mother to ask for \$20. The mother gave him only \$5.

Taitano got mad and yelled at his mother. He told his mother to keep the money, entered the house and began throwing and damaging items.

The mother said that Taitano's behavior changed dramatically since he started hanging out with drug users. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

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US govt seeks 30-year sentence vs ex-firefighter

The U.S. government will recommend a 30-year prison term for Richard Sullivan Benavente, a former firefighter who pleaded guilty to sexually exploiting a minor.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross K. Naughton informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday that the U.S. government has reviewed the draft presentence investigation report prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Naughton said the U.S. government has no objection to the draft report.

The prosecutor also disclosed that they intend to seek the statutory maximum sentence of 30 years, regardless of what the applicable sentencing guidelines range would be.

Naughton did not elaborate.

In 2013, a federal grand jury

indicted Benavente on several counts of sexual exploitation of a child. He cooperated with authorities and entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

In February 2014, Benavente pleaded guilty to a count of sexual exploitation of a child. He has yet to be sentenced.

On Sept. 9 and 10, 2014, Benavente testified at the trial of Raymond Roberto, who was charged with coercion and enticement of some of the same minors that Benavente sexually exploited.

At the trial, the prosecution presented evidence that Roberto used a prepaid SIM card with a number ending in -3443 to contact the girls for sex.

Testifying for the defense,

Benavente testified that, from mid-June to July of 2013, he in fact used the -3443 SIM card to contact the minors.

Roberto was acquitted.

Because of Benavente's testimony, the U.S. government asked the court to find him in breach of his plea agreement for allegedly lying about his use of the -3443 SIM card during the Roberto trial.

Benavente asserted that he told the truth.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona disagreed. Last October, Manglona determined based on all the evidence that Benavente lied in his testimony at the Roberto trial.

Manglona said the text messages are only consistent with Roberto using the number.

By giving false testimony at the Roberto trial, Benavente materially breached his plea

agreement with the U.S. government, Manglona said.

Roberto used to serve as act-

ing director of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

OAG seeks stay of all proceedings in Christian lawsuit vs CHCC, NMI govt

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The Office of the Attorney General is seeking to temporarily suspend all proceedings in the case filed by Kaye Christian, a woman with mental illness who alleged that she was involuntarily brought to the Rota Health Center and was forcefully injected with medication.

OAG Solicitor Division chief James Zarones and assistant at-

torney general David Lochabay asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to stay all proceedings in Christian's lawsuit until the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit decides on an appeal that is pending before it.

Zarones and Lochabay asserted that the interest of judicial economy dictate that this matter should be adjudicated at a single trial.

Zarones is counsel for the CNMI government, Rota Health Center's Dr. Francois Claassens, and Rota police officer Eusebio Manglona. Lochabay is counsel for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Christian was involuntarily committed at the Commonwealth Health Center on Dec. 31, 2013. She was released from the psychiatric ward on Jan. 3, 2014, according to court documents.

Attorneys Jeanne H. Rayphand and Matthew Holley are representing Christian in the case.

In her complaint, Christian is suing the CNMI government, Claassens, CHCC, and Manglona for violation of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—unreasonable seizure, deprivation of liberty without due process of law; breach of settlement agreement (use of handcuffs at the Rota Health Center); breach of settlement agreement (failure to train); violation of the CNMI Constitution (unreasonable seizure); Involuntary Civil Commitment Act; Patient's Rights Act—chemical restraint, right to ready access to

telephone, right to receive copy of rights, and right to keep and use personal possession.



Christian is demanding \$1.2 million in damages and a court order directing the CNMI and CHCC to educate and train all its employees of the requirements of the Involuntary Commitment Act and Patient's Rights Act, among others.

In their motion to stay proceedings, Zarones and Lochabay cited two reasons of their motion. First, the benefits of sovereign immunity are effectively lost if the CNMI government is forced to answer discovery, produce documents, and hire experts to defend the litigation, they said. Second, it would be a waste of judicial resources and the defendants' resources to go through discovery twice, hire experts twice, file dispositive motions twice, and duplicate any other hearings or actions.

In court papers, Claassens said that Christian was handcuffed when she was in the emergency room of the Rota Health Center, where he injected her with necessary medication.

Claassens, however, denied that the administration and injection of medication was unnecessary or excessive.

Christian alleged that Claassens chemically restrained her by administering and injecting her with unnecessary and excessive medications, including but not limited to Haldol, Prazepam, and Benedryl, all without her consent.

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CNMI thespians cap successful participation in int'l festival

The full summer results are in and the CNMI Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands is reporting a very successful trip to the International Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The students on the CNMI Team came from a combination of troupes from Kagman High School (troupe director Joy Jones), Saipan Southern High School (troupe director Frank Borja) and Marianas High School (troupe directors Jojo Alepuyo and Paul Dujua).

Junior thespians were from troupes at Hopwood Junior High School (troupe director Marylyn Mendoza) and the Northern Marianas International School (troupe director Kathy Barja).

Eight of the CNMI's thespians participated in the International Festival's opening ceremony—the third year that Commonwealth talents have been included in this event. Members of the team that participated were Neil Fama, Elizabeth Rose Jones, Shandel Cayabyab, Anne Cruz, Janella Nelmda, Joselle Reyes, Jamison Kui Lee, and Riczi Cano.

In the National Individual Event Showcase, these events evaluated 10 of the CNMI's



The CNMI's junior thespians performed well against the National Senior competitors.

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Ten of the CNMI's senior thespians and four junior thespians competed against the top thespians from other chapters across the United States and around the world. Our students again showed they were among the best.

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The CNMI's students once again showed they were among the best. Receiving top honors among the senior thespians were Angelica Mateo for Costume Design (3/3 Top Ratings); Elizabeth Rose Jones for Monologue (2/3 Top Ratings); and Yuuki Nishida and Jayrald Mercene for Duet Acting (2/3 Top Ratings).

The remaining senior thespians reached the second level. They are Lee Ann Jastillana for Monologue (with 1 Top Rating); Paula Gozon, Grace Catalma, and Miguel Aninon for Group Musical Theatre (with 1 Top Rating); Roland Balajadia

for Solo Musical Theatre; and Kianna Atalig for Short Film.

The CNMI's junior thespians performed equally well against the national senior competitors, with Erica Tubera receiving top honors for Solo Musical Theatre (3/3 Top ratings). The remaining junior thespians also reached the second level: Kelvin Wolf for Monologue and Deirdre Rossette and Myka Villegas for Duet Acting.

According to chapter director Harold Easton, none of the CNMI's students had a result below the second level.

Workshops

Throughout the week coaches and students alike also attended a variety of workshops on performance and theatre techniques. These workshops are taught by

highly qualified theatre professionals and will certainly enhance the students' skills.

Festival's Got Talent

The CNMI's "Festival's Got Talent Team" of 14 students competed against 25 other competitors in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Johnny Carson Theatre, and for the second year in a row, their choral prowess earned them the trophy for top honors. The sopranos consisted of Anne Cruz, Emily Jones, Joselle Reyes; the altos were Annabel Manzo, Jennella Nelmda, Paula Gozon, Grace Catalma, and Leonard Manuel; the tenors were Neil Fama, Kui Lee, Shandel Cayabyab, and Miguel Aninon; and the basses were Roland Balajadia and Riczi Cano.

College auditions

Students entering their senior year also auditioned for colleges and universities. These 10 students accounted for 57 "call backs" by 22 different colleges and universities. Seven of these were Division 1 universities. Lee Ann Jastillana led the way followed closely by Anabelle Manzo and Emily Jones. Other highly achieving students included Riczi Cano, Angela Cruz, Niel Fama, Paula Gozon, Jamison Lee, Beltran Muna, and Simon Shim.

Among those universities who are recruiting the CNMI's students for the first time is Louisiana State University and Missouri Valley College.

"The University of Nebraska-Lincoln recruited our students again this year for only the sec-

ond time," said Easton.

Schools such as the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, St. Louis University, St. Mary's-Minnesota, Savannah School of Art and Design, and the University of Houston have already had students from the CNMI and are hoping more will attend.

The Chapter Select Showcase

The entire team participated in the Chapter Select Showcase, one-act plays selected by the Educational Theatre Association to be presented at the festival.

"The CNMI Team was proud to continue this longstanding tradition for our team," Easton said.

The production this year was the comedy *How To Succeed in High School Without Really Trying*.

"The production was received with gales of laughter and cheers from the opening production number to the play's conclusion. It was followed by a standing ovation," he said.

The Freestyle Theatre

The CNMI team returned to Freestyle Theatre this year with an original musical presentation. The cast included members of the "Festival's Got Talent Team" plus Elizabeth Rose Jones, Jayrald Mercene, Simon Shim, and Erica Tubera.

"The production wrapped up our festival week and like the previous events was a rousing success. The production received steady applause, cheers, and a standing ovation—a fitting way to end our 2015 festival experience," Easton said. (PR)

Torres signs \$970,000 over to medical programs

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Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres signed into law on Tuesday a bill to appropriate \$970,000 from a special cancer fund account to public health programs in the CNMI.

House Bill 19-101—authored by Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan)—is now Public Law 19-16. Torres signed the law before Demapan, lawmakers who co-sponsored the bill, and other public health officials at the Governor's Office conference room yesterday.

The \$970,000, is appropriated as follows: \$150,000 for DPH Oral Health Program; \$250,000 for CNMI Medical Referral Services; \$20,000 for Inter-island Medical Referral; \$100,000 Drug Rehab Program; \$250,000 as matching fund for Medicaid; and \$200,000 for programs under the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

In her brief remarks, Margaret Torres Aldan, director of the Division of Public

Health, said early detection is the best protection against oral cancer. She was speaking of DPH's screening efforts in the last two years in public schools, where they promote oral cancer awareness.

Demapan said they are glad to see \$970,000 in public funds go to programs that benefit the community directly.

"Throughout the recent awareness programs that have been going on, we have a very serious problem in the Commonwealth with increasing numbers of cancer data, all different forms of cancer," Demapan told reporters. "As [cancer] rates go up, we need to step up our work to raise awareness and to be able to direct our people to proper care to where care is available and how to get the care. [By] funding support programs, we are able to reach out people in a more effective manner and hope that through the increased awareness of prevention, we can bring those numbers down in the future."

The Cancer Fund Special Account is zeroed out with the appropriation bill.



Acting governor Ralph Torres, center, signs Tuesday a law to appropriate some \$970,000 to medical and health programs in the CNMI. Others in photo are Ronald Sablan of the Medical Referral Services, left, and Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who authored the bill.

Coastal protection project opened in Marshall Islands

MAJURO, Marshall Islands—Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak opened yesterday the Coastal Causeway Project in Woja Island, Ailinglaplap, as part of the country's efforts to build resilience to climate change.

The project has involved constructing a rock causeway combined with soft engineering measures, such as tree planting, to strengthen the vulnerable and narrow road link between the two parts of Woja Island.

The project is part of the European Union-supported

regional €11.4-million Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States initiative, implemented in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the government of the Republic of Marshall Islands.

Speaking at the opening of the causeway, Loeak said the strengthened and elevated road link meant there was now a safe passage between the two parts of Woja Island.

"When it comes to climate change, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with its low

lying and scattered atolls, is especially vulnerable, and sea level rise is one of the greatest challenges we face today," he said.

"Until now, the communities living on the two different parts of Woja Island had to schedule their daily activities, such as getting to school or to the health clinic, around the state of the tide. At high tide, they had to make their way through what was often waist-deep water to get to the other side of the island.

"The government of the

Marshall Islands is especially pleased to see this project implemented and constructed by the Ministry of Public Works, with support from the European Union and SPC, so now we have the capacity, to tackle further similar projects with the help of our development partners," he said.

The European Union Ambassador for the Pacific, Andrew Jacobs, said: «This is a good

example of the European Union supporting governments and communities to implement their own priorities in partnership with regional organizations.

"In the Pacific, the European Union has been, and will continue to be, a longstanding partner in the fight against climate change. We have translated our words into action with approximately €250 million worth of ongoing climate and disaster and sustainable energy-related projects."

The Director of SPC's Geo-

science Division, Professor Michael Petterson, congratulated the government and people of the Marshall Islands for effectively implementing this project despite the challenges resulting from remoteness and transportation issues.

"This is an excellent example of building capacity to address climate change impacts. As we know, sea level rise affects all of our Pacific Islands so initiatives such as these are vital to build resilience through practical efforts," Petterson said. **(SPC)**

Presentation on early Church history next week

The public is being invited to a presentation by Fr. Francis X. Hezel, SJ that will explore the early history of the Catholic Church in the Marianas, to be held at 6pm on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Titled "The Founding of the Church in the Marianas: A Clash of Cultures," Hezel's presentation will provide an overview of the establishment of a Catholic mission in the Marianas in 1668, an event that signaled the beginning of intense Western presence on the islands.



Fr. Hezel

The troubled years that followed, marked by intermittent outbreaks of violence, has been referred to by historians as the "Spanish-Chamorro Wars."

It was during this 30-year period that a group of Jesuit priests and lay helpers, protected by a small military garrison, sought to convert the indigenous Chamorros to the Catholic faith.

According to standard textbooks, missionary efforts led to utter devastation—forced conversions, rapid cultural change, precipitous population decline, and the loss of Chamorro identity.

Drawing on his own recent research, Hezel will present a more nuanced overview of this critical period in Marianas history, one that recognizes divisions within the Spanish party as well as the local Chamorro population.

Hezel's presentation is co-sponsored by the Lay Ministry's Program of the Diocese and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. It is open to the public and free of charge.

For more information about this upcoming event, contact Council staff at 235-4785 or visit the council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org. **(NMI Humanities Council)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Family grief support meeting tonight

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting tonight, Nov. 5, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more

information, email tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821). Visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. **(TCF)**

Marriage Encounter Weekend set

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is a constructive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of

their lives. The next CNMI M.E. Weekend is on Nov. 20-22, 2015 at the Kanoa Resort Saipan in Susupe. The cost is \$100 per couple and includes two nights' accommodation, five meals, and all materials. Space is limited to 25 couples. Submit an application form and payment (checks payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter) to Kanae Quinn at cnmime@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/Ftrnk2p8XS>. **(PR)**

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

JOB TITLE: TRAVEL OPERATOR
SALARY RANGE: \$8.00 to \$12.00
CLOSING DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2015

JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview and establish procedures to improve efficiency and quality control in relation to ticketing activities. Set-up and monitor Auto Ticketing system as required. Operate daily procedures including ticket refunds, exchange of tickets and reissued tickets. Provide quotes, book and confirm internal staff and duty travel as required, GDS system use for Airlines, Hotels and Car hire. Establish and maintain a good working knowledge of Company internal systems. Maintain a working relationship with other areas of business, particularly with Air Operations, to continually improve processes and efficiencies in relation to ticketing. Ensure that all airfares and airline documentation is kept updated and that any tickets are issued at the most attractive commercial terms to the company. Keep updated of all IATA, BSP and any internal legal requirements in relation to the issuing of schedule and charter tickets. Responsible for foreign or domestic travel for individual or group, specific geographic area, airline charters or package tours. Other related duties, as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum three years of experience in customer service within travel industry. Detail-oriented, great work ethic, and ability to multi-task. Thrive in fast environment and experience with high volume inquiries. Must be able to read, write, and speak English. Knowledge in Mandarin and Korean is a plus. Amadeus training certification required. Experienced Amadeus booking, ticketing, and invoicing agent and BSP procedures. Thorough knowledge of air and GDS practices. Operational knowledge of Global Max. Strong customer focus, good organizational skills, strong computer and written skills.

COMMENTS

Workers Compensation provided. To apply for this position, you are required to email your detailed resume to recruitment@bestsunshine.co. Applications are available at the Best Sunshine Office located at Bank of Guam Building, 3rd Floor.

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Can the world's coral be saved?

By DAVID HELVARG
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Two Steps is a perfect snorkeling spot on the Big Island of Hawaii. Black lava rocks step down twice into the clear waters of a small bay where, on a good day, you're guaranteed to see brightly colored fish and green sea turtles shoaling through myriad forms of coral in shades of brown, green, yellow, pink and purple.

But if you happened to visit last month, you would have found about 30 percent of the corals bleached wedding-cake white.

It's a sure sign that the ocean is heating up. Overly warm water causes living coral polyps to expel the photosynthetic algae, called zooxanthellae, that give them their varied colors and about 70 percent of their nutrients. If the bleaching lasts too long, the corals starve to death.

All of Hawaii's coral reefs are bleaching this year, a "really serious problem," says Sheila McKenna, a marine ecologist at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. And a problem that seems to be accelerating.

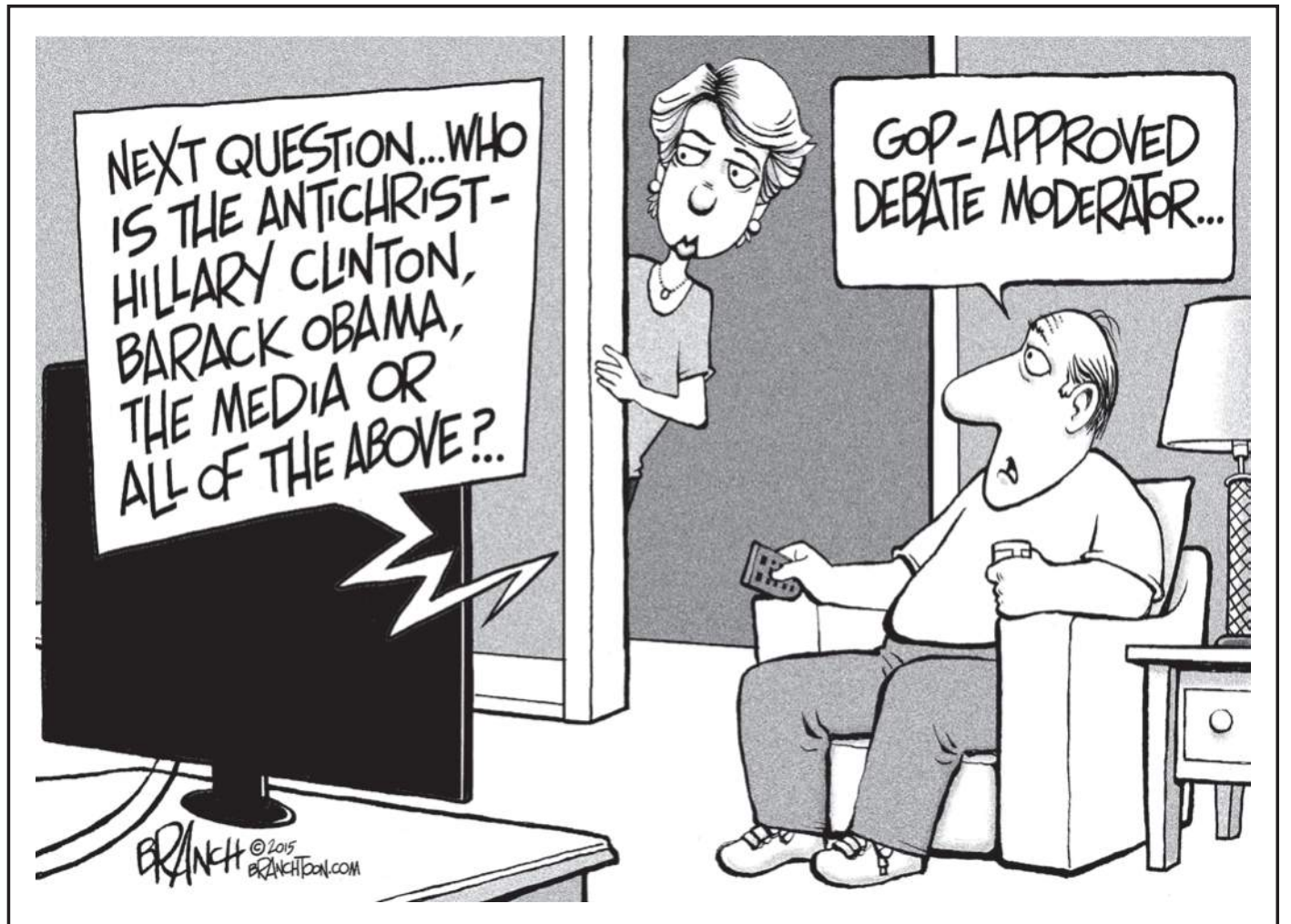
With the return of a strong El Nino in the Pacific Ocean and the continued effects of global warming, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has just declared the third global coral bleaching event in history (the first two took place in 1998 during an earlier El Nino and in 2010). Ninety-five percent of U.S. corals, which are mostly concentrated off the coasts of Hawaii and Florida, are likely to be exposed to conditions that can cause bleaching.

Tropical coral reefs cover less than 1 percent of the ocean, but they are home and nursery to 25 percent of all marine species; billions of fish, mollusks and other creatures rely on reefs for their food and shelter. Their beauty generates tourism dollars, and they act as barriers providing storm protection for millions of coastal residents.

Unfortunately, they are especially fragile in the face of pollution, ocean acidification, overfishing and climate change. Most are not expected to survive this century.

There is some hope. Emerging science suggests coral reefs that are fully protected from pollution and overfishing are more resilient to the impact of climate change. That's one reason a coalition of Hawaii-based groups is calling for an emergency moratorium on the collection of aquarium-trade fish off their reefs.

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Our reefs: Mostly dead

By GARY A LIDDLE
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Do some of you may remember the movie *The Princess Bride*? During the last third of the movie, the main male character, Westley, thought to be dead, is brought to Miracle Max the Healer, played by Billy Crystal. After examining his new patient, he's asked if the man is, in fact, dead. Billy responds, "No, he's just mostly dead."

And that's the condition of our reefs today—*mostly dead*. But you already knew that, didn't you? No, probably not. I'm not sure why this fact is being kept quiet by the Coastal Resource Management's director and staff. I spoke to our lead reef scientist and she concurred—our reefs are mostly dead. I asked "Why?" Her response began with "Over-fishing is one reason...but I'm not allowed to use that word." Well, over-fishing is one reason. Yeah, talk to our fishermen. They'll tell you that they have to go out further and deeper to get decent sized fish and the rest are taken just because they're alive, even though they're immature and should be left alone.

There are other reasons. Back in the old days, people had an out-house or just a pit or simply a nearby jungle for their sewage. And that flowed into the small creeks and, when it rained, that sewage flowed out into our reefs. We still have this practice and that's why we have our beaches "red flagged." It's got to stop. When you live on a little island with 70-, 80-, or 90,000 people, there's no longer room for this "ancient custom." Those households must be connected to the CUC sewer system and CUC needs to upgrade that system in both the number of treatment sites and the level of treatment—what is it now? Level One? It should be Tertiary! Even Secondary is unacceptable on our small islands.

There wasn't the use of pesticides and herbicides that make their way into our reefs. There wasn't the level of ground disturbance (translate: "development") that results in fine earth (silts) making their way into our reefs.

But what about those CW's who came 20 to 25 years ago and started using household bleach on the corals to stun or kill the marine life but killed our corals in the process? They did it in their home country, why not here? Some are still doing this. Man, if you see someone doing this now, nail their asses! It's bad for everyone, illegal, and they know it...that's why they're still doing it but often at night.

It's true, there has been a shift in temperatures that's been harmful to our reefs, to our corals. And we have knuckleheads for tourists...most have never in their lives been around water that is clear no less reefs with clear water. China's waters—whether streams, rivers, lakes, or oceans/seas—are incredibly polluted. They're glad to snorkel Managaha but few would know what a healthy reef looks like if they ever saw one—and it won't be here! It was only a few months ago that they thought the Grotto was a terrific urinal, ash-

tray, and trash can! Self-flushing, self-emptying!

I was talking to the chief of one of our nation's top Search, Rescue, & Recovery Teams (in Hawaii) and he said that one of the best indicators of a dying or dead reef is the lack of large predators. We probably think that not having large sharks in our reefs is good for tourism. But did you ever think that not having them around is a sign that we're in trouble? The Chinese scuba guides that were luring tiger sharks into LauLau Bay, the centuries-old site of families safely swimming for lack of sharks, was being threatened by people who wanted their pictures taken with these deadly predators close by. This activity does not count toward the restoration of a reef.

Matt Smith, the attorney who recently died and who I miss, has an older son who was largely responsible for the great mural we have on the wall at the AMP tennis court (and thank you all for not damaging it). On the mural are these words, "The Reef is our Future." It is. They are. But if I want to go see beautiful, healthy reefs, I'll go to Palau or Pohnpei, not Saipan. If I can figure that out, so can most others including our tourists.

But our reefs are more than tourist attractions—they reflect *our* health. They were once the source of healthy fish for our families. Our salt came from boiled or sun-dried reef water. They were a source of exercise found in swimming, fishing, and canoeing. They were also a source of positive education and inspiration...it's why people buy land with a view of the reefs! It's the reason why hotels, resorts, and restaurants want to be on the beach.

So, the reefs are almost dead. So what? What do we do? Everybody dies, right? It just happens. And life goes on. But the reefs aren't like someone dying. They're like having all the Chamorros of the world dying at the same time. Or all the Carolinians of the world dying. We would all feel that impact. It's like the death of a civilization that is *very* difficult to recover from. The same with the reefs. So what do we do?

We have had a *lot* of scientists come here to study aspects of our reefs *for their benefit*. It's time we have a reef scientist come here to assess what's wrong and recommend what's to be done *for our benefit*. I think that we should bring in Thomas Goreau and his little team. Why Tom? Well, he's the No. 1 reef scientist in the world. He's spent more time in the water than any other reef scientist. He's studied more reefs around the world than any reef scientist. He loves our reefs. He knows their general condition and would like to help us. You see, back in 1969 his father and brother surveyed all of Saipan's reefs, sometimes holding on to a rope pulled by a boat with an outboard. They discovered that our reefs were being destroyed by the crown of thorns starfish, which eat coral at a devastating rate (the COT missed LauLau Bay because of the wave action at each end). Tom returned 30 years later (1999) with his brother and they re-surveyed the reefs. Staghorn corals are an indicator of good reef health—they found only one, small-sized group-specimen just off the beach of Tanapag in one foot of water. One. And things have not gotten better. And, finally and frankly, he's not that expensive—certainly

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Hinalom Eskases

Sige i administrasion ha eñgulu' usun fondun' salape' natibu ginen atkilon tanu' niha. I puntu gi este na diniseha i haye para u gaige gi inadiñgan prinipone enkuenta de interes natibu? Hahassu ha' na makat ta añgoghu disposision ga'ga' politika! I disposision fondun natibu, manu 'nai para umagasta yan kau magahet na siña inalibia i te'ug na pinadese familia gi katkuet soñgsoñg? Siña ha huñgog ginen mansabini i hegsu' I Deni haf' na planu guaha pot este na dinisehan niha?

I para uma-eñgulu' usun este na fondu kumonitma klaru na kara' i kahan iya Marianas ya ladañkulu na sapet tafafana' gi este na karera. Pot fabor get adahe todú gaston miyu piot entalu' pa'gu yan dos años na tiempu.

Dudayu' kau u geftau i federat manayuda fondu. Hombre iya Puerto Rico yan dibin \$73 biyon pesos na dibi ha suhon gi un' banda. Guaha food stamps lau taya fondu para otu manpresisu siha na nesessidat. Guaha mohon salape' para edukasion, hinemlu' yan areglon pas gi komunida?

Huñgan, hagas mesñon i natibu gi halom mattiru deste antes. Lau este na karera mas makat para megai na familia guine punta pot punta. Ta'lu, gef adahe gaston miyu gi este na karera sa' sumen makat mañoda' otu modun fiñkas.

Sunidon chagchag: I finapos sotfa suabe yan sumen na' mahalañg. Esta ume'ensinahyao-yu' pot tutuhu' ñaihon lago'hu. Bonitu na sunidu piot gi lemmen tautau.

Antes de bai' deskansa hu atotga ta'lu dumandan pot para una'

pasifiku siñienteghu. Dispues de maliñgu maigo'hu 'nai ha kone'yu' halom gi hatdin trañkilida estake mattu chagchag oga'an. Ti u lache finatton chatagmag sa' taftaf mañganta i paluma siha gi troñku.

Milag hanom: Sinparat ayu na milag hanom i tumutunog gi entalu' achu' deste hegsu Tagpochau papa' esta iya Santa Lourdes, As Teo. Fresku yan mames na hanom. I seblanten milag humanau papa' esta i fondun tasi gi santatte na banda.

I silensiu na milag hanom ni inakompañia poduñg uchan guaha 'nai na' mahalañg finatoña. Piot ya hilu' sin 'nai pañgpañg. Libianu ha esgaihon halom pas gi siñiente-ta. Mas hana' katma yan trañkilo fanlie' ta. Gi halom este sen ti ma-aminasa pinasensiamu sa' pasifiku siñientemu.

Ti hoñgiyun i miyon pot miyon na kantidan salape' magagasta gi sakan ni manriku pot para una' guaha burukan uchan yan milag hanom gi apusientun niha para 'an oran deskansu. Ayu na sunidu umesgaihon hinanau pueñge estake maliñgu maigo' niha.

Ayu buente na sessu hit manmagap 'an mattu tiempun chata'an piot ya kulan silensiu i halom kusina ya dinanche lokue' i asun i feggung. Likidu magahet pañgpañg hanom yan hihot na parientes gi manrikohen mugu'.

I otu lugat 'nai huli'e' sinparat milag hanom gaige gi ge'papa' na sitiun tautau siha gi mismu lugat As Teo. Malagu ayu na hanom papa' esta i tasi. Gaige hilo'ña tupu' publiku. Hu bisita ayu na lugat yan defuntu tatau pot para bai'n li'e' propiadat familiaña. Gai distansia i tasi gi sanhaya. I hoyu gai tinadoñg buente pot deste tiempu

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not for what he can offer us.

Tom and his team need to be brought over to assess the reefs of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota—and the sooner, the better. *Now* would be a good time. Then his team will write up their findings and indicate what steps they feel must be taken to return the reefs to health. I'm telling you (please, hear me out): Reefs are dying all around the world and the so-called scientists are doing little more than studying them as they die. If you were dying at CHC, would you be content with young pups from some university simply studying your decline? Or would you like an experienced doctor to diagnose the cause of your decline and make specific recommendation as to what steps can be taken to change the course of your condition for the better? Then you decide if you want to die or want to start that course of action recommended by this experienced doctor.

It's important to mention that Tom has a patent that leads to growing corals five times their normal rate! And the results are corals that are 5,000 percent more resistant to the surface temperature warming that causes coral bleaching than that of normal corals.

This is interesting: Did you know that Tom and team where under contract with a U.S. Navy contractor to assess the damage done from work on the Navy harbor in Guam? This would have been *the first time* the military had ever taken this step—to have a truly outside evaluation done regarding reef damage. But just days before they were to start, the contract was canceled. Makes you wonder about the integrity of the military's assessments of Tinian's and Pagan's use and the damage to be incurred in those places in the future.

But what about *our integrity* now? We're to be good stewards of the reefs and ocean. We claim that they're ours. The legal issue is one thing. Now let's take care of them. Let's take the first positive step in that direction in recent history and urge the director of the Division of Coastal Resource Management, Ms. Fran Castro (664-8525, frances@crm.gov.mp) and her boss, the administrator of the

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At the same time, those who care about coral are looking at triage—not every reef will survive.

Wayne Levin, whose underwater photographs can be found in the Museum of Modern Art in New York, recently sent me a distressed email from the Big Island:

"I just returned from a one-month trip to the mainland. ... When I dove at Keauhou (Bay) I was utterly shocked. ... There was an enormous amount of bleached coral. At Honaunau (Two Steps), it was even worse. Almost all the beautiful plate coral along the drop-offs was bleached. Yesterday I dove Ho'okena (Beach) and all the cauli-

Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Mr. Frank Rabauliman (664-8550, frabauliman@gmail.com), to bring Tom and his team over.

If you would like a more detailed description of Tom's credentials, please send me a note at liddlega@yahoo.com and I'll accommodate you as soon as I can. Thank you for considering what is negatively impacting you and me far more than we realize—the slow death of our reefs. Let's leave a legacy for our kids, grandkids, and others to be proud of and who can benefit from what we've done.

P.S.: Tourists don't need more signs...they don't read the ones that already exist. How about a display of a coral head at the baggage claim area at each of our airports that invites them (while they're waiting for their luggage to arrive) to come and touch it. Then they can read a paragraph that explains that touching or standing on *live* corals will kill them and to please don't.

And we have tons of tourists out at Managaha snorkeling who stand on the corals when they need to rest or socialize, talking about what they've just seen. Let's give them an alternative rather than just tell them not to stand on the coral. Let's place stools made of plastic, weighted with concrete rings, located strategically on the sandy bottom as that alternative. They can sit or stand on these stools instead of the corals. Please be advised: I've been told that hiring a retired Army sniper is not an allowable option.

Also consider:

Legal requirement for tourist businesses to use:

1. Floating fins (non-floating fins sink and, from the wave action, damage the corals as does kicking the corals with your fins when swimming).
2. Foam ring anklets to discourage vertical positioning.
3. Noodles for snorkelers with Velcro wrist straps on coil cords to prevent the noodles from floating away.

Gary A Liddle is proprietor of Liddle Mesa Enterprises, Lodestar Learning Center, Micronesia Innovations & Development, and Micronesia Business Accelerator. He may be contacted at liddlega@yahoo.com.

flower and antler coral was bleached. I was completely blown away. ... When I left in mid-September all seemed fine. When I returned in mid-October complete devastation."

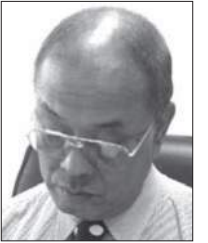
Come December and the U.N. climate summit in Paris, our choices for the future will become as starkly black and white as Levin's photographs of Hawaii's bleached corals. We can stay on our present path of multiplying disasters or adopt that most basic of survival axioms: If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

David Helvarg, executive director of Blue Frontier, is the author most recently of *Saved by the Sea: Hope, Heartbreak and Wonder in the Blue World*. More of Wayne Levin's photographs can be viewed at waynelevinimages.com.

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



ni guinadog ni milag hanom.

I uttimu 'nai gaige milag hanom ginen korason tautau-ta siha 'nai mattu oran ayudu gi mandimalas yan na'mase' na mañeluta. Ni unu esta pa'gu huli' li'e' sumeha manna'e maseha uttimu gi nina' siñaña fina' ayudu. Siempre sumaunau gi halom mattirun ayudu!

Ekspression Libetta: Sige famaguon manadulalag halom yan huyuñg ginen i tasi yan magof na chaleg yan esalau. Diberas na mañge' dinaña i puru ha' chaleg. Piot i libre na ekspressiu ginen famaguon ni duru manhugando. Taya' chathinasson kau guaha sena lamo' na pat sentadan agupa' na ha'ane. Duru manhugando.

Gi halom buruka, silensiu mafattu gi hinasoghu haf' mohon fut-tunan i famaguon 'an sige mona. Kuantu para una' fonhayan eskuelan niha. Kuantu para u inatende kolehu. Kau fitme sisteman edukasion gi preparasion niha fumana' kompetensian ginen todú nasyon? Sige kumilulog hinasoghu. Lau huñgan sumen namagof i inosiente na chaleg famaguon-ta.

Kulan ha yama attensionhu nai mattu ayu na kuestion: kau u gagaige ha' ayu na kanton tasi 50 años yan pa'gu para i famaguon niha lokue'? Pat u guaha mohon mas fitme na areglu gi proteksion propiadat natibu? Puede todú felis! Magahet na paire minagof patgon gi halom libre na ekspressiu.

Destrosiu: Katkuet lugat Saipan chinalapon papet ni dos pagyu ni fumatoigue hit guine gi alacha. Guaha esta pa'gu mantai kandet mientras megai lokue' animu umaregla tatte ha'anen niha. Lau todú un' atan gi maseha manu na soñgsoñg un' li'e' kabales na destrosiu mañglu'.

Inatisa mas problemam destrosiu gi appenas metgot na sensian kabisiyu pot para u mueba ensegidas manu finenina siha debi u fan mafalague. Uttimoña, kada unu gi señgsoñg umatotga-gue' tumutuhon areglu esta kase dos, tres dias dispues 'nai mafattu anunsu ginen i hegsu'. Dios mihu na mattiru hombre ke sumen makat na biae.

Mientras adumididi' sige ta hoka tatte machalaponta, sige lokue' ta petsige hinanauta sin ayudun federat 'sino gobietnon iya Marianas. Sumen nafatigau i taya' fitme na areglo siha gi ayudu ni ileg niniha guaha guine para i numesessita.

Finatai: Sige ham yan Magoo umachatge 'nai monhayan i serimoñas simienteyu' giya Susupe. Era uma-afaisen ham haf' mala-go' mame 'an un' dia bai'n madisponse. Ilegña na kontentugue' mabalutan gi un' sabanas apaka' ya umahafot. I kulot apaka' ha signifika gasgas yan huñgan listugue' umembrasa ginaggas antes de u sige hulu' gi lañget.

Ha faisenyu' haf' gaige hinasoghu. Ilegu na malago'yu' masoñge tatautau hu dispues 'nai bai' ma-enteru. Ha petsige haf' na para bai' masonge. Ilegu, mauleg baina' seguru na mataiyu' antes de in hafoty'. Tatnai sisida para in' limos hit dibatde gi halom odda'. Dios mihu Magoo!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarification

I am writing to make a correction to the article in yesterday's paper about the donation of school supplies to the Public School System by Sons of Saipan. Although the Sons of Saipan facilitated the shipping of the items through Triple B to go to Saipan, the collection of the school supplies was primarily conducted by Deena Tenorio, a native of Saipan who currently resides in Guam. She should be recognized for her efforts in organizing and collecting the goods and although we as SOS support her efforts, she is the individual who made it all happen and deserves the credit for all her hard work.


Samuel Mangloña McPhetres

via email

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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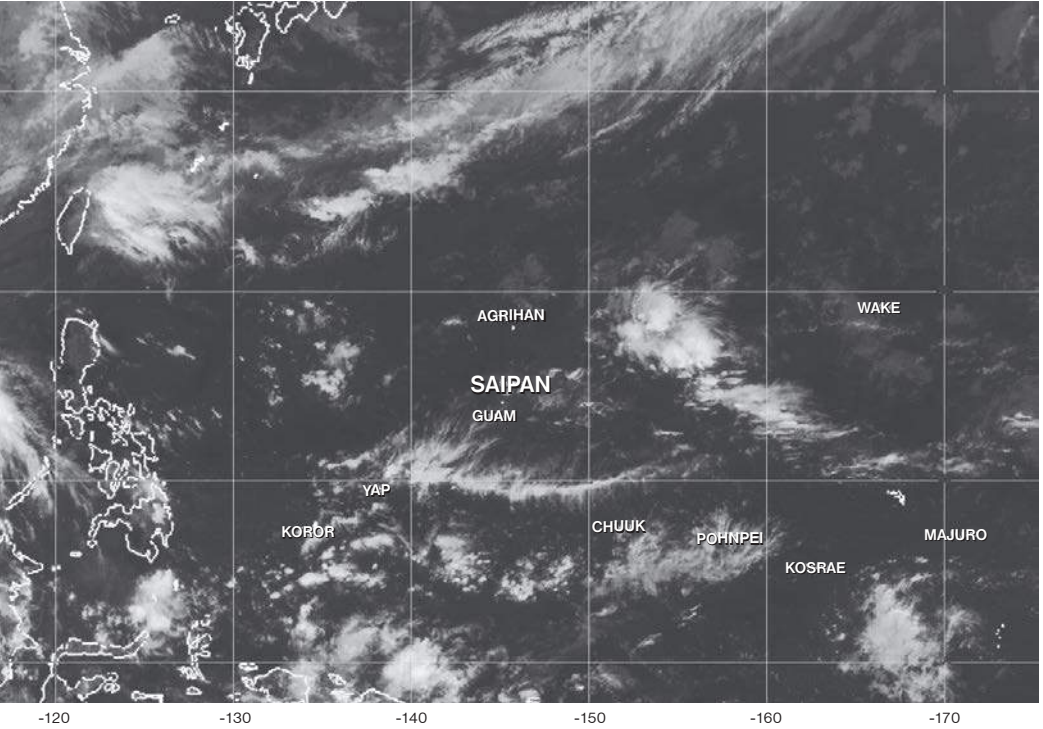
MONDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N140E to beyond 130E at 21N. Cloudiness and patchy showers are occurring southeast of Okinawa along and northwest of the cold front to beyond 25N. Trade-wind showers and a few thunderstorms are dispersed in patchy areas between the Mariana Islands and Wake Island mainly between 16N and 19N from 152E to 157E and also within 70 miles of a line from 14N158E to 12N163E to 11N170E. Widely scattered showers and a few Thunderstorms are present far northeast of Majuro within 75 miles of a line from 14N174E to 11N178E. Converging northeast winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well southeast of Koror south of a line from 2N134E to 2N141E south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between 3N and 7N from 151E to 159E and finally southeast of Kosrae to the south of a line from 4N165E to 4N170E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 48
Beijing	Showers	▲ 52	▼ 37
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 76
London	Showers	▲ 60	▼ 57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 50
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 75
Melbourne	Rain	▲ 81	▼ 59
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 77
New York	Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 57
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 56
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65	▼ 56
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 51
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56	▼ 44
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 43
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 70	▼ 52
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 55



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:46 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
3:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
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UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM	UA184/2920	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	1 via GUM-Rota
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/2927	10:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA5038/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM	UA184/2925	11:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA5072/191	9:50pm	7:20am+1	1, 6 via GUM	UA184/2920	11:59pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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OZ626/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ628/721	3:50am	12:50am	Daily via ICN	OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
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'CHC operations after Soudelor is proof of sustainability'

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Facilities at the CNMI's lone public hospital, Commonwealth Health Center, have undergone

great improvement since they were first inspected by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, according to Warren Villagomez. Villagomez, who is facilities

director of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. that runs the hospital, said that great improvements have been made since CHC was first inspected. "As the facility director, I thank

the CHCC management for the support to meet the conditions of participations of CMS with regards to facilities," he said. Villagomez, who is also the director for public health and

hospital preparedness, cited the hospital's continuous operation after Typhoon Soudelor as an example.

"Even with Typhoon Soudelor, we were able to maintain operation and maintaining operations after a major typhoon is something that is very critical for us in regards to the standards and the level of service that we provide," Villagomez said.

He said they were able to utilize their backup generator throughout the response period and after the storm.

"That just proves that our facilities are sustainable," he said.

Among the various CMS citations that the hospital received relating to facilities are requirements that either need some improvement, tweaking of plans, as well as updating of plans, according to Villagomez.

"But that does not mean that we're under standard," he added.

One area that they continue to work on is their heat, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

"The HVAC project is ongoing. That should be completed in about a month's time. We should be closing up our contract with the contractor a month or two from now," Villagomez said.

The HVAC system covers the entire old building, Building A.

He added that some fine-tuning and tweaking are needed but their contractor would soon finish and hand over the project to them.

Other hospital upgrades are the elevators. Villagomez said the south elevator has been working and they are now working with the north elevator. They also set up policies and standard operating procedures in line with the fire code and safety.

GCA students are all winners!



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Grace Christian Academy's PGFC winners have their picture taken inside the GCA campus.

Grace Christian Academy's nine competitors in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association and two in the National Speech and Debate Association are all winners in the first speech and debate competitions for the 6th-8th and 9th-12th divisions. These competitions encourage public and private school students to participate in and become proficient in reading, public speaking, debate, and interpretations.

The administration, faculty and staff, and parents of Grace Christian Academy are very proud of all of the 11 competitors who competed in different events last Oct. 31, 2015, at San Antonio Middle School. Below is the list of all the winners in Junior and Senior high school divisions.

NJSDA (NATIONAL JUNIOR SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION) (6TH-8TH GRADE)

Lincoln Douglas Debate
Hyunin Harry Noh, 1st place

Impromptu Speech B
Christy Lee, 2nd place

Impromptu Speech D
Tae Yong Kim, 1st place
Hyunin Harry Noh, 3rd place

Extemporaneous Speech A
Hyunin Harry Noh, 1st place
Arvin Dayao, 2nd place

Poetry Reading Masters A
Tae Yong Kim, 1st place

Poetry Reading Masters B
Christy Lee, 4th place

Poetry Reading B
Eun Kyung Alice Kim, 3rd place

Prose Reading Masters A
Tae Yong Kim, 2nd place

Prose Reading Masters B
Christy Lee, 2nd place

Duo Interpretation B
Lanz Jabez Victoria, 1st place
Kaydie Claude Aquino, 1st place

Duo Interpretation C
Angela Kim, 1st place
Esther Kim, 1st place

NSDA (NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION) (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Poetry Reading A
Anjenette Jewel Cubangbang, 3rd place

Poetry Reading B
Melody Sumin Woo, 3rd place

Prose Reading B
Melody Sumin Woo, 2nd place

NJSDA/NSDA Coach/Coordinator: Miss Grace Duran
Judges/Volunteers: Daniel Dilse, Miriam Dilse, Laila Portuguez, Joo Young Kim

DMS students reap honors at competition

Congratulations to Dandan Middle School students for doing well in the National Junior Speech & Debate competition held on Oct. 31. Way to go, Tottots!

6th Grade

Jonathan Wolf:
1st, Prose
2nd, Humorous Interpretation
2nd, Dramatic Interpretation

7th Grade:

Bina Reyes:
1st, Story Telling
1st, Carolinian Prose
2nd, Poetry

Joanna Cacguioa:
4th, Story Telling

2nd, Poetry
Holly Liban:

4th, Impromptu
5th, Dramatic Interpretation

Rio Ayu Shadow
1st, Impromptu
1st, Original Oratory

8th Grade:

Holly Siu:
4th, Extemporaneous Speaking
5th, Story Telling

Grace Zhang:
3rd, Extemporaneous Speaking
3rd, Original Oratory

Congratulations also to Jonathan Wolf, who won first place in Monologue Acting at the Junior International Thespian Society competition on Oct. 10, 2015. Good job! (PR)



COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services led by Commissioner Clyde Norita presents a check for \$9,517 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association on Tuesday at the Office of the Governor's conference room in support of cancer awareness activities last month. Norita said the donations were combined from boot drives held every Wednesday last month, a "Pink Warrior" walkathon on Oct. 24, and cancer awareness T-shirts that were sold in October.

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PINK WARRIOR

Commonwealth Cancer Association director Juan L. Babauta, second from left, celebrates with the "Pink Warriors" during the fundraising event at the Naked Fish Bar and Grill. Best Sunshine International Ltd., headed by BSI chief service officer Tao Xing and CSR director Rita Chong, commits the company's all-out support by actively participating in CCA's roster of activities.

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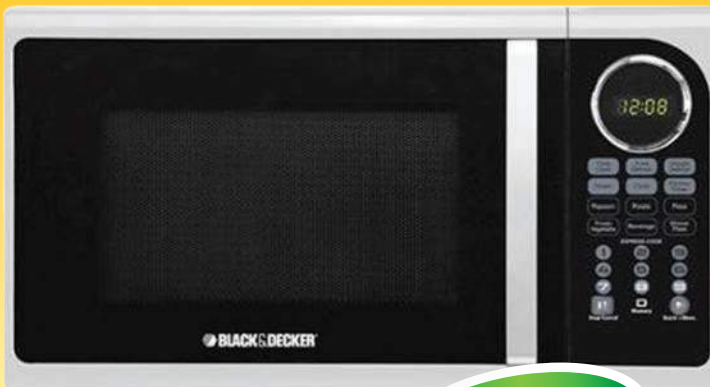
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Pacifica Insurance names winners of art contest



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The panel of judges in Pacifica Insurance's art contest. From left, Get Fit CNMI's Jose Quan, Pena House owner Michelle Lin Sablan, *Marianas Variety* publisher Laila Younis Boyer, and Northern Marianas Humanities Council board member Robert Hunter.



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From left, Pacifica Insurance executive vice president Shirley Sablan, Category 1 winner Julia Kim Ji Hae, Pacifica Insurance staff member Samantha Sikayun, and Grace Christian Academy principal Beth Ann Nunez.

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. representatives paid a surprise visit to two students of Grace Christian Academy and one from Mount Carmel School to formally announce their respective wins in the 2015 Pacifica Art Contest.

Of the two main categories in this year's art contest, both winners were students from Grace Christian Academy—Category 1 winner 11-year-old Julia Kim Ji Hae and Category 2 winner 17-year-old Ellie Grace Eichenberger.

Pacifica Insurance established a special category specifically for art pieces focused on post-Typhoon Soudelor holiday theme and it was won by Jonelle Gwentyth Toskas, a 15-year-old high school student of Mount Carmel School.

All three winners received a cash prize and a set of art supplies.

Students from various private and public schools participated in the contest. There were a total of 336 submissions: 166 entries for the 12-17 division, 165 for the 6-11 division, and five for the Soudelor-inspired category.

"I couldn't be more grateful to all participating artists for making this year's art contest an overwhelmingly successful one," said Pacifica Insurance executive vice president Shirley Sablan. "It was not an easy task for our judges this year."

The judging panel included Pena House/Iridescent owner Michelle Lin Sablan, *Marianas Variety* publisher Laila Younis Boyer, Get Fit CNMI partnering owner and freelance photographer Jose Quan, and Northern Marianas Humanities Council board member Robert Hunter.

Artists were asked to create an original art piece centered on the slogan "Rest assured it's Christmas" and one focused on post-Typhoon Soudelor. Permitted mediums included water paint, oil-based paint, pastels, crayons, and pencils. Maximum dimensions were 18 inches by 24 inches.



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Category 2 winner Ellie Grace Eichenberger, third from left, poses with Pacifica Insurance EVP Shirley Sablan and underwriter Samantha Sikayun, far left, and her classmates after a surprise visit.



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Typhoon Soudelor inspired art piece: Jonelle Toskas, center, with Mount Carmel School principal Frances Taimanao, third left, Pacifica Insurance EVP Shirley Sablan, fourth left, and underwriter Samantha Sikayun, seventh right.

Art work of all winners and some of Pacifica's top picks will be made available for viewing on the com-

pany's art contest Web page, www.pacificains.com/artcontest. (*Saipan Tribune*)

Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 6, from 11am to 2:30pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour

operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the date and time indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius

on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. (*PR*)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to our loving and amazing father and grandfather, William Hocog Indalecio! May God bless you on your special day and with many more blessings to come. We love you. Greetings come from your kids and most especially Magas Izaiah Blaze.

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Business

Takata fined \$70M for exploding air bags

DETROIT (AP)—U.S. auto safety regulators fined Japan's Takata Corp. \$70 million Tuesday for concealing evidence for years that its air bags are prone to explode with grisly consequences—a defect linked to eight deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide.

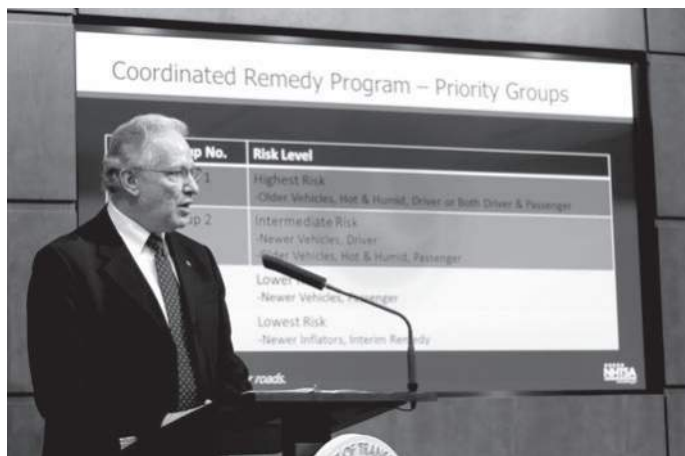
Under an agreement with the government, Takata will phase out manufacture of air bag inflators that use ammonium nitrate, the propellant blamed for the explosions. It also agreed to a schedule over the next two years for replacing many of the devices already in use.

And unless it can prove they are safe, Takata may have to recall all its inflators, even those not yet implicated in the mess.

The company admitted that it knew for years that the inflators were defective but that it fended off recalls by failing to tell the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Delay, misdirection and refusal to acknowledge the truth allowed a serious problem to become a massive crisis," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said.

In a statement, Takata CEO Shigehisa Takada said the company regrets the circumstances



AP
National Highway Transportation Safety Administrator Mark Rosekind speaks during a news conference about Takata air bags, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, at the Transportation Department in Washington.

that led to the NHTSA agreement and will work to develop a new generation of inflators. He said the settlement will "enable us to focus on rebuilding the trust of automakers, regulators and the driving public."

Under the five-year pact, NHTSA can increase the penalty to a record \$200 million if the company fails to abide by the terms.

The biggest fine ever handed out by NHTSA is the \$105 million levied against Fiat Chrysler earlier this year for failing to report safety problems and follow

through on 23 recalls.

Takata's inflators can rupture and hurl shrapnel at drivers and passengers in a crash. So far, about 23.4 million driver's-side and passenger-side inflators have been recalled on 19.2 million U.S. vehicles sold by 12 automakers.

NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind said Takata's misconduct dates to at least 2009, when it failed to tell the agency about the problem. Automakers must notify NHTSA of defects within five days of discovering them.

steadily over the past five years as the ruling party tried to steer the economy to a more sustainable expansion based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment. An abrupt decline over the past year prompted Beijing to try to shore up growth by cutting interest rates six times since last November.

Xi's comment was the latest indication the party might reduce its official growth target, which has been 7 percent since 2011. Last year's economic growth was 7.4 percent and this year it is expected at just below 7 percent.

Private sector analysts have warned sticking to a high target could conflict with official efforts to shift China to more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment.

Ex-Wal-Mart CEO crash-lands plane on Arkansas highway

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—A former chief executive officer at a division of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. crash-landed a plane on a highway in front of an Arkansas high school Tuesday after the aircraft's oil system failed.

Bill Simon, who led the company's U.S. operations from 2010 to 2014, was flying from nearby Bentonville to Waco, Texas, where he teaches a business class each Tuesday at Baylor University.

Simon and two other men

aboard the plane were taken to a hospital, as was a woman whose truck was hit by the plummeting plane. Fayetteville police described each injury as minor.

Simon told The Associated Press that he unfurled the plane's parachute after the oil system failed. He said that he suffered a burn as an air bag deployed and that he was grateful that all survived.

"You react with the training you've had and do the best you can, and pray a lot," Simon told

the AP by phone after the crash.

The plane fell in front of Fayetteville High School, which is adjacent to the University of Arkansas.

The highway, Arkansas 16, is also known as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and, at five lanes wide, is broad enough to accommodate a small plane if vehicle traffic is not present.

Baylor said that, in addition to teaching a business class, Simon is on the school's board of regents.

Nation

Illinois cop death to be declared suicide

CHICAGO (AP)—Authorities will announce that a northern Illinois police officer whose shooting death led to a massive manhunt in September killed himself, an official briefed on the crime investigation told The Associated Press.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office has called a Wednesday news conference to announce "conclusive results" of the investigation. The official spoke to the AP Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

The investigation into the death of Lieutenant Charles Joseph Gliniewicz determined that the Fox Lake officer died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, other media outlets reported Tuesday, all citing anonymous sources.

A spokesman for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Chris-

topher Covelli, declined any comment Tuesday evening. The office said in a statement that it would not comment until the news conference.

Gliniewicz, a U.S. army veteran affectionately known as "G.I. Joe," radioed on Sept. 1 that he was chasing three suspicious men on foot. Backup officers later found his body 50 yards from his squad car.

Authorities said in October that the officer, 52, was shot with his own weapon.

He was struck by two rounds, one that hit his ballistic vest with the force of a "sledgehammer" and another that pierced his upper chest, Lake County Major Crimes Task Force Commander George Filenko said at the time.

After Gliniewicz's shooting, a massive manhunt ensued, with hundreds of officers searching houses, cabins

and even boats on a chain of area lakes. Authorities released a vague description of three suspects, though no one was ever arrested.

Flags flew at half-staff in honor of the 30-year police veteran after the shooting in Fox Lake, a close-knit community of 10,000 residents located about 50 miles north of Chicago. Signs with the officer's picture hung in storefront windows.

The tattooed officer with a shaved head was described by those who knew him as tough when needed, but also as sweet and a role model to youngsters aspiring to go into law enforcement.

More than 100 investigators stayed on the case for weeks, though questions arose in mid-September, and investigators began to concede that they could not rule out suicide or an accident.

Cryotherapy use spreads, though it's unproven, unregulated

LAS VEGAS (AP)—From Japan to Europe and now in the U.S., a growing number of people are seeking cryotherapy—a treatment that subjects their bodies to cold temperatures far below those found anywhere on Earth.

Backers claim it can ease pain and inflammation, aid blood flow and weight loss, improve skin and even ward off aging and depression.

The treatments, however, have come under scrutiny after a Las Vegas spa employee was found dead last month in the chamber of a cryotherapy machine chilled by liquid nitrogen.

Las Vegas police and Nevada state officials have opened investigations into the circumstances involving the death, but it has moved slowly because the industry is so new

in the state that no one agency assumed responsibility for it.

Nevada's chief medical officer said Tuesday that the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance will assume responsibility for investigating complaints as the state health department takes over an expanded probe to determine whether or not the treatment itself is safe. The long review process is now only in its fact-finding stage, but Dr. Tracey Green said some form of education, regulation, scope of work agreement and/or licensure could ultimately be proposed.

"Education will be very important because there are many alternative services in many areas of medicine, science, health, nutrition and beauty. We need to be conscious consumers," Green said.

And any rules or policies put in place in Nevada would mark some of the first regulations in the world governing cryotherapy.

In other states, oversight varies widely. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has assigned cryotherapy to a medical category that requires doctor oversight. California officials said its industrial relations and consumer affairs departments and state medical board have no oversight of the practice, calling it an experimental and alternative treatment unsupported by evidence.

Cryotherapy involves entering the cold chamber and spending two to four minutes in temperatures ranging from minus-166 to minus-319 degrees Fahrenheit.

E. coli outbreak tests Chipotle's vow to track ingredients

SEATTLE (AP)—Chipotle's industry-leading commitment to tracking its ingredients from farm to table is being put to the test by an E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 37 people as of Tuesday, nearly all of whom ate recently at one of the chain's restaurants in Washington state or Oregon.

Scientists also said Tuesday that they identified the specific microorganism responsible, which they believe was carried on fresh produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, cilantro or onions, or possibly even spices.

The chain of casual Mexican restaurants voluntarily closed 43 locations in the two states after health officials alerted the company to a growing number of E. coli cases involving people

who shared one common experience: a meal at Chipotle during the last two weeks.

The numbers grew Tuesday from three to 12 probable cases in Portland area and from 19 to 25 probable cases in five counties near Seattle.

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Washington's state epidemiologist, said the specific microorganism responsible for the outbreak is Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O26.

Now officials are doing more tests, on samples of human waste and on any E. coli found in food samples, looking for exact DNA matches. That, in turn, should indicate which ingredient carried it into the meals of diners, Lindquist said.

Food from the restaurants linked to the outbreak is being tested, and Lindquist said they may know by Wednesday which produce, if any, tests positive for the same bacteria.

Authorities have already asked Chipotle to turn over information about its food suppliers.

"We're really relying on working closely with Chipotle," said Dr. Katrina Hedberg, Oregon's state epidemiologist.

Chipotle Mexican Grill Chairman Steve Eells said in a statement Tuesday that the company immediately closed the restaurants "out of an abundance of caution, even though only eight restaurants have drawn concern."

Asia

Taiwan and China presidents to meet for first time since '49

BEIJING (AP)—The presidents of China and Taiwan will meet this weekend for the first time since civil war divided their lands 66 years ago, their governments said Wednesday, a highly symbolic move that reflects quickly improving relations between the formerly bitter Cold War foes.

The meeting Saturday in Singapore between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Taiwanese counterpart Ma Ying-jeou could be China's last to press its case for closer economic and, ultimately political ties, before Taiwan elects a new president and legislature in January that could put the brakes on Ma's pro-China initiatives.

For Ma's ruling Nationalists, who have been lagging at the polls, it could boost their credentials for driving progress in relations with China, but also carries the risk of appearing too close to Beijing, further damag-



In this Oct. 10, 2015 file photo, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou delivers the keynote speech during the National Day celebrations in Taipei, Taiwan.

ing their chances with skeptical voters.

Presidents of the two sides have not met since Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists lost the Chinese civil war to Mao Zedong's Communists and the Nationalists rebased in Taiwan

160 kilometers (100 miles) away in 1949. The two sides have been separately ruled since then, with Taiwan evolving into a freewheeling democracy. China insists that the two sides eventually reunite, by force if necessary.

Filipino militants demand \$60 mln ransom for 3 foreigners

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen have demanded more than \$60 million for two Canadians and a Norwegian they are holding in the jungles of the southern Philippines in the largest ransom the Muslim militants have sought for their hostages in years.

Army Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado said Wednesday the Philippine government maintains a no-ransom policy, adding there would be no let-up in efforts by his troops to secure the hostages' freedom in the safest way possible.

In the video circulated online by the U.S.-based SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi websites, the kidnappers and their captives said for the first time that the Abu Sayyaf was behind the Sept. 21 kidnappings in an upscale marina on

the southern resort island of Samal. In the first video of the hostages last month, the kidnappers demanded a stop to military offensives but did not identify themselves.

In the latest video, the hostages and one of the mostly masked kidnappers said a ransom of 1 billion pesos (\$21 million) must be paid for each of the captives to secure their freedom. The militant said the captives would be killed if the ransom was not paid but did not give any deadline.

One of the hostages, Canadian John Ridsdel, pleaded for Canada's prime minister and people to heed the ransom demand "as soon as possible or our lives are in great danger."

A militant, who did not wear a mask, pointed a knife at him and the two other captives as

each of them spoke. A fourth female captive seized from Samal who has been identified by authorities as a Filipino citizen was not allowed to speak in the video.

The hostages were seen sitting on a clearing with the more than a dozen heavily-armed militants standing behind them. Two black flags were displayed in the background.

Aside from Ridsdel, Philippine authorities have identified the other hostages as Canadian Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjar-tan Sekkingstad and Filipino national Maritess Flor. They were abducted at gunpoint from a yacht-berthing resort on Samal in Davao del Norte province in the south, scene of a decades-long Muslim rebellion in the largely Roman Catholic nation.

on Lombok Island.

Indonesian police say Indian fugitive to be deported soon

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—An alleged Indian crime boss being held on the Indonesian island of Bali will be deported soon, police said Tuesday. Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje, known in India as "Chotta Rajan," has been on Interpol's most wanted list for two decades. He was arrested Oct. 25 when he arrived at Bali's airport from Sydney. Police Maj. Pande Sugiarta said preparations were underway to deport Nikalje to India later in the day. He said Nikalje "will be tightly guarded by local police as well as by India's Central

Bureau of Investigation."

Britain to return corrupt Macau official's stolen fortune

HONG KONG (AP)—Britain has agreed to return 28.7 million pounds (\$44.3 million) to Macau that was confiscated from a government official convicted in the Chinese enclave's biggest corruption case. According to a Macau government statement released Tuesday, British and Macau officials signed an agreement to repatriate the money seized in the Ao Man Long case. Ao was a transport and public works secretary who was found guilty in three trials of taking bribes and money laundering: in 2008, 2009 and 2012.

World

Russian strikes take toll among Syrian civilians

KADIRLI, Turkey (AP)—The 4-year-old Syrian girl was ending her first trip to her grandparents' house. Posing for the last family photos before returning to Turkey with her mother, Raghad dressed up in a pretty blue-and-white polka dot dress and put her hair up in ponytails with red barrettes.

About an hour later, the family heard Russian warplanes overhead and the missiles struck. Raghad, her grandfather and another relative were killed.

The girl is among dozens of civilians who activists say have been killed in the Russian air campaign in Syria, which Moscow says is aimed at crushing the Islamic State group and other Islamic militants.

But the month-old Russian bombardment has killed more civilians than it has IS mili-

tants, according to the main activist group tracking the conflict, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Despite Russian boasts to be going after the extremists more ferociously than Americans have, the Observatory's figures also suggest the air campaign waged by a U.S.-led coalition the past 13 months has killed IS members at a higher rate while harming civilians less.

The Observatory said it has so far confirmed 185 civilians killed in Russian strikes the past month—including 46 women and 48 children—while the toll among IS fighters was 131. The heaviest toll came among Syrian rebels not connected to IS, with 279 dead, the group said. In contrast, the U.S.-led air campaign has killed 3,726 IS members—an average of 252

a month, and 225 civilians—according to the Observatory's statistics.

The Russians have flatly dismissed all claims of civilian casualties or damage, saying they use various intelligence sources to plan each strike to make sure there is no collateral damage.

U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. forces in the Middle East, confirmed two civilian casualties from a Nov. 5, 2014 U.S. airstrike in the vicinity of the Syrian city of Harim, and has seven open investigations into civilian casualty allegations, said Col. Pat Ryder, spokesman for Tampa, Florida-based CentCom.

Ryan said U.S. forces work hard "to be precise in our airstrikes" and "reduce the potential for civilian casualties and collateral damage."

Palestinians say amateur video backs claims of Israeli abuse

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—Recent videos show Israeli troops shooting a wounded Palestinian at close range, pepper-spraying Palestinian medics, ramming a Palestinian with a jeep and threatening refugee camp residents with tear gas "until you die" unless they stop throwing stones.

Palestinians and Israeli human rights groups contend the images, many captured by amateur smartphone users, buttress long-standing allegations of excessive force—particularly amid a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks in which top Israeli politicians and security commanders have encouraged forces to shoot to kill suspected assailants.

"There is a very clear message sent by those politicians

and military commanders that this is how law enforcement should behave," said Sarit Michaeli of the Israeli group B'Tselem, which documents rights abuses.

Israel's army and police defended the actions shown in the videos, with the exception of an officer who was suspended over the tear gas threat.

"Our activities in all of the cases have been responses to Palestinian aggression," said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli military spokesman. Israel itself has released several videos showing its forces shooting stabbers.

Video footage is increasingly central in the competition over international opinion—a contest Palestinians say they

often lost in the past when it came down to their word against that of the Israeli military or Jewish settlers.

In 2007, B'Tselem began distributing video cameras to Palestinians in West Bank hot spots, such as the Israeli-controlled center of Hebron, carved out for 850 Jewish settlers.

One of the first videos, showing a settler woman harassing a female Palestinian neighbor, went viral, Michaeli said. About 200 Palestinians have B'Tselem-issued cameras today.

With the rise in smartphone use—10-fold over five years—the impact of such amateur images has only grown.

Take several controversial videos that have emerged in recent days.

Nigeria to sell, buy oil directly, cut out middlemen

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Nigeria will start selling and buying oil and gasoline directly to cut out middlemen and curb graft, the new managers of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. announced Tuesday night.

The major policy shift fits new President Muhammadu Buhari's plan to halt corruption endemic in the industry in Africa's biggest oil producer. The previous administration of President Goodluck Jonathan had ignored warnings from Central Bank Governor Lamido Sanusi that some \$20 billion in oil sales over three years was missing from federal coffers, and instead fired Sanusi.

Nigeria produces 2 million

barrels of crude a day, according to the corporation's website. Nigerians consume about 9 million liters (2.4 million gallons) of gas daily, almost all imported because local refineries are inefficient. One barrel of crude produces about 30 gallons of diesel or fuel.

A statement from spokesman Ohi Alegbe said the decision was made after a screening of previously used and prequalified petroleum product importers revealed almost all the 34 international and 10 local companies were middleman businesses.

The shift is "a major steer designed to enshrine transparency and eliminate the activities of middlemen in the crude oil exchange," said the state-

ment from the corporation's new management. One of Buhari's first acts as president was to fire all the old managers.

Corruption that thrived under Jonathan's watch had favored officials being sold entire shipments of crude at favorable rates so they could pocket the profits. The U.S. Department of Justice warned Buhari earlier this year that one minister had pocketed \$6 billion from oil sales.

The massive thefts came as oil prices topped \$110 a barrel. Now Nigeria is in crisis, with halved prices for the oil that provides 80 percent of government revenue and Buhari has complained he inherited an emptied treasury.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Volcanic eruption closes 2 Indonesian airports

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—Thousands of tourists are stranded on two Indonesian islands after ash from the Mount Rinjani volcano forced the closure of two airports and blanketed villages and farmlands. Mount Rinjani on Lombok Island blasted ash and debris 3,500 meters (11,480 feet) into the air on Wednesday, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman. The eruption shut down flights at the Ngurah Rai international airport in Bali, about 135 kilometers (84 miles) from Lombok, and the Selaparang airport in Mataram, the capital of West Nusa Tenggara province, located

Environment

As scientists worry about warming world, US public doesn't

Wildlife found thriving in the region around Chernobyl nuclear power plant



A wolf in a wild wood in Ukraine's Chernobyl. AP

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A new study of wildlife in the radiation-contaminated Chernobyl exclusion zone has found that many large mammal populations—elk, roe deer, red deer, wild boar and wolves—seem to be thriving.

The findings, published in the journal *Current Biology*, hint that when it comes to threats to wildlife, a nuclear disaster may actually be less harmful than human encroachment.

"These results demonstrate for the first time that, regardless of potential radiation effects on individual animals, the Chernobyl exclusion zone supports an abundant mammal community after nearly three decades of chronic radiation," the study authors wrote.

The research may also help scientists understand the effects on wildlife from other such disasters, such as the 2011 meltdown of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The 1986 accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine in the then Soviet Union was among the world's most catastrophic nuclear disasters. An explosion and a fire at the plant released a plume of radioactive material into the atmosphere, spreading over several countries and triggering the permanent evacuation of an estimated 116,000 people from the 1,622-square-mile Chernobyl exclusion zone.

But wild animals can't be told to evacuate, and so researchers long thought that the radiation would result in deleterious consequences for the wildlife in the area.

Indeed, the study authors wrote, "Several previous studies of the Chernobyl exclusion zone indicated major radiation effects and pronounced reductions in wildlife populations at dose rates well below those thought to cause significant impacts."

The new findings show oth-

erwise. For this paper, an international team of researchers tracked animal activity in the Polesye State Radioecological Reserve, the portion of the Chernobyl exclusion zone that lies in Belarus, and whose 836 square miles represent about half of the exclusion zone's total area. They analyzed population density estimates that were based on winter track survey routes, and compared them with the numbers from other uncontaminated reserves in the area.

"Relative abundances of elk, roe deer, red deer and wild boar within the Chernobyl exclusion zone are similar to those in four (uncontaminated) nature reserves in the region and wolf abundance is more than 7 times higher," the study authors wrote. "Additionally, our earlier helicopter survey data show rising trends in elk, roe deer and wild boar abundances from one to ten years post-accident."

They also found that the elk and wild boar populations in the exclusion zone were rising during a period in the early 1990s when those species' populations were dropping in other former Soviet Union countries—a decline likely brought on by socioeconomic changes leading to rural poverty and poorer wildlife management.

How is this possible? It seems that any harm from the radioactive fallout is far outweighed by the benefit of not having humans around.

Before the accident, they said, mammal population densities were probably reduced because of hunting, forestry and agriculture—human encroachment on their habitats, in other words.

"Our data on time trends cannot separate likely positive effects of human abandonment of the Chernobyl exclusion zone from a potential negative effect of radiation Nevertheless, they represent unique evidence of wildlife's resilience in the face of chronic radiation stress," the authors wrote.

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans are not too concerned by global warming.

Most Americans know the climate is changing, but they say they are just not that worried about it, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. And that is keeping the American public from demanding and getting the changes that are necessary to prevent global warming from reaching a crisis, according to climate and social scientists.

As top-level international negotiations to try to limit greenhouse gas emissions start

later this month in Paris, the AP-NORC poll taken in mid-October shows about two out of three Americans accept global warming and the vast majority of those say human activities are at least part of the cause.

However, fewer than one in four Americans are extremely or very worried about it, according to the poll of 1,058 people. About one out of three Americans are moderately worried and the highest percentage of

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■ Poll results: <http://surveys.ap.org/>

those polled—38 percent—were not too worried or not at all worried.

Despite high profile preaching by Pope Francis, only 36 percent of Americans see global warming as a moral issue and only a quarter of those asked see it as a fairness issue, according to the poll which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

"The big deal is that climate has not been a voting issue of the American population," said Dana Fisher, director of the Program for Society and the

Environment at the University of Maryland. "If the American population were left to lead on the issue of climate, it's just not going to happen."

Linda Gebel, a 64-year-old retired bookkeeper who lives north of Minneapolis, has read up on global warming.

"Everybody's life would be totally disrupted," Gebel said. "It will cause famines and wars, huge problems. I don't know why people wouldn't be worried about it."

And yet because she lives in the middle of the country—joking that she'll be "the last one who will be submerged"—Gebel added she doesn't "feel worried personally. I'm not sure this is going to happen in my lifetime, but I worry about my children. I worry about my grandchildren."

The "lukewarm" feeling and lack of worry has been consistent in polling over the years, even as temperatures have risen, said Anthony Leiserowitz, director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication.

"The issue hasn't quite boiled up enough so that people have put it on the top of things they want to focus on," Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer said.

White House science adviser John Holdren said climate contrarians emphasize how large the problem is, essentially telling people "the result (of warming) is too scary, so let's not believe it." He said these groups have been "incredibly effective in sowing doubt" about global warming.



In this Sept. 21, 2014 file photo, demonstrators make their way down Sixth Avenue in New York during the People's Climate March. Americans are hot but not too bothered by global warming. Most Americans know the climate is changing, but they say they are just not that worried about it, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. And that is keeping the American public from demanding and getting the changes that climate scientists say are necessary to prevent global warming from reaching a crisis, social scientists say.

Study finds plastic debris and man-made fibers in fish sold in markets

By **LOUIS SAHAGUN**
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Scientists have long suspected that plastic trash eaten by fish, crabs, bivalves and other marine species may be spreading through the food web.

Now, researchers from UC Davis and Hasanuddin University in Indonesia are reporting some of the first findings of plastic debris and textile fibers in the fish on consumer's dinner plates.

About a quarter of the fish sampled from markets in California and Indonesia contained the man-made debris, according to the study published a month ago in the online journal *Scientific Reports*.

The researchers also discovered a stark contrast between the types of debris found in fish from both locations. In Indonesia, they found plastic fragments. In California, a majority of the contaminants consisted of fibers from textiles.

The variations in debris types probably reflect differences in local waste management strategies, according to the study.

In Indonesia, 30 percent of the solid waste generated by humans is discarded directly onto beaches and into rivers and drainage channels, the study said.

In California, there are more than 200 wastewater treatment plants discharging billions of liters of treated effluent just offshore.

"Even though wastewater treatment results in a reduction of many contaminants," the study said, "synthetic fibers from washing machines can remain in sewage effluent, and may be delivered to aquatic habitats in large concentrations via wastewater outfalls."

Plastic debris and fibers were found only in fishes' guts. Therefore, humans are likely to ingest man-made debris only if fish is eaten whole, a common practice in Indonesia.

"I still eat fish—if it's sold in the United States," said Susan Williams, a professor with the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory and co-author of the study. "That's because we fillet fish and remove their guts, so the likelihood of eating plastic and fibers is very small."

An estimated 245 million tons of plastic is produced annually around the world, according to industry estimates. That amount represents 70 pounds of plastic annually for each of the 7.1 billion humans on the planet, scientists say.

The study raises concerns about possible effects on human health from a cocktail of hazardous chemicals associated with plastics and some textiles.

"Future risk assessments should consider anthropogenic debris as another factor for seafood safety advisories relevant for consumers," the study said.

In the study, samples of whole fish, gastrointestinal tracts of fish and whole bivalves

were collected during August and November of 2014 from markets and fishermen at Half Moon Bay and Princeton, Calif., and from the Paotere fish market in Makassar, Indonesia.

In California, the researchers processed 64 individual fish across 12 different species. They found man-made fibrous material in 29 percent of jack smelt, 30 percent of Pacific anchovies, 33 percent of yellowtail rockfish, 43 percent of striped bass, 25 percent of Chinook salmon, 20 percent of blue rockfish, 60 percent of Pacific sand dabs, 9 percent of lingcod and 33 percent of Pacific oysters.

The researchers were unable to confirm whether the material was made from synthetic material or natural fibers such as cotton.

Fibers collected that resembled researchers' laboratory coats or that was the same color of their clothing on the day of analysis were discarded and not counted as man-made debris.

Life & Style

By ANDREA MANDELL
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To stream or not to stream?

That's Adele's big conundrum ahead of the release of her hotly anticipated new album, 25.

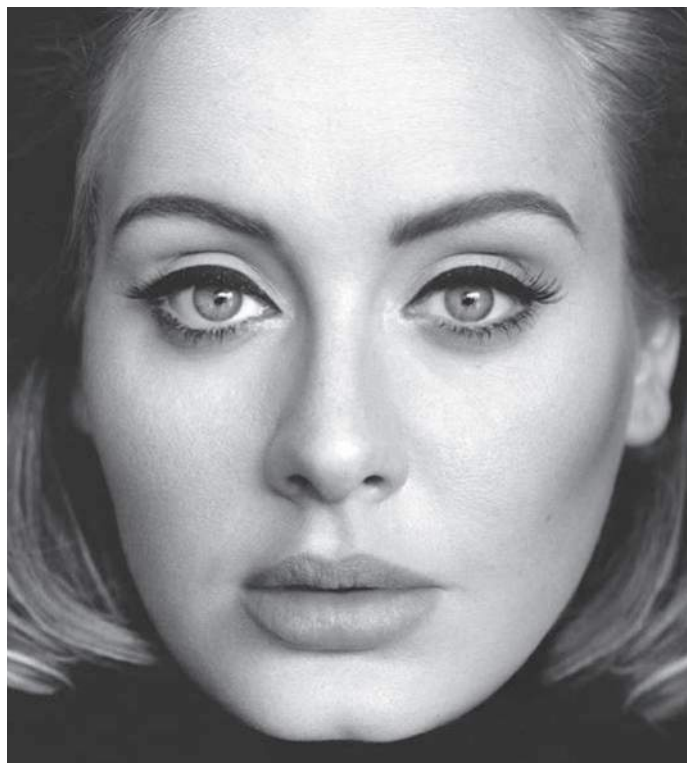
25, due on Nov. 20, marks Adele's first album in almost five years, and the question isn't if the release will be big—it's exactly how big it will be.

In 2011, Adele's icon-status-cementing album 21 sold 11.2 million copies, according to Nielsen Music, whopping sales figures that simply don't exist in the music industry anymore. Only Taylor Swift is remotely comparable in today's marketplace, having sold 5.4 million copies of 1989.

There's a stark reason why Swift won so many hard sales in today's tough climate: She pulled her music entirely off streaming sites like Spotify, arguing they don't pay artists enough.

What will Adele do? "Adele, like a Taylor Swift, is different from everyone else. She's in

Adele's '25': How huge will it be?



This CD cover image released by Columbia Records shows "25," the latest release by Adele. AP

her own orbit, basically," says Keith Caulfield, Billboard's co-director of charts. "She's a superstar. Her last album sold 11 million albums in America, which is nuts."

Unlike Swift, Adele, 27, has the benefit of appealing to a wide range of ages and formats. "A lot of her following is older than Taylor Swift's, and they are people who will buy a CD or download a record," says Anthony DeCurtis, contributing editor for Rolling Stone, calling Adele a potent mix of pop star and chanteuse with classic rock appeal.

Adele's team had no comment whether or not she will stream 25, which will drop into holiday shoppers' laps right before Black Friday. But, "if it is streamed it should blow streaming records out of the water," predicts Alan Light, former editor-in-chief of Vibe and Spin.

The hustle has begun: Adele

released 25's first single, Hello, on Oct. 23, and simultaneously began an impressive media roll-out that included the cover of i-D magazine, an expansive radio tour and confirmation she'll perform on SNL Nov. 21 with Matthew McConaughey as host.

Hello is already dominating radio, and according to Billboard, is on track to have the best sales week ever for a digital download song in the U.S. (The current record was set by Flo Rida's Right Round in 2009.)

"It's off to a great start, considering that it's a five-minute ballad and five-minute ballads are not what pop radio does these days," says Sean Ross, author of the Ross On Radio newsletter.

It doesn't hurt that Adele's fans have been chomping at the bit for this album for years, stalled first because of Adele's vocal cord surgery, and then her pregnancy

with son Angelo, now 3.

"I was struggling to write my record, so it all slowed down," she told BBC Radio 2. "Obviously, I took a bit of time off because I became a mum. Then when I thought I was ready to start writing I wasn't. So I took some more time off. And then I was ready. So a couple of times I thought I'd dried up."

The video for Hello, posted Friday, currently has over 93 million views on YouTube, and smashed Taylor Swift's Bad Blood record of most views in 24 hours out the gate (Bad Blood had 20.1 million views, Hello earned 23.2 million).

So what will the release plan be? Adele's team may not even know yet.

"I'm sure they have been offered piles of money for a streaming exclusive or a promotional sponsorship for a first release, that's the world that we live in," says Light. "I'm sure they're still weighing those choices now."

Either way, "all signs are, it's going to be huge," Caulfield says.

Sylvester Stallone is back as Rocky Balboa, who's in a fight with mortality

By JOSH ROTTENBERG
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In Sylvester Stallone's mind, he had hung up the boxing gloves. No more jogging up the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. No more "Yo, Adrian!" No more one-armed push-ups to the strains of "Gonna Fly Now." No more Rocky.

After 2006's "Rocky Balboa," the sixth installment in the series about the perennial-underdog fighter, Stallone figured he was most likely forever done playing the character he'd first brought to life in the seminal 1976 smash "Rocky."

"That movie was the toughest sell of all," the actor recalled of "Rocky Balboa" on a recent afternoon. "'Rocky V' was considered a failure financially and critically. Now 15 years have passed. 'You want to play a boxer who's 60 years old—you're joking, right?'" He let out a low chuckle. "This was Max Bialystock territory." When the film proved a commercial and critical success, earning \$156 million worldwide, Stallone figured he should probably quit while he was ahead.

But if we've learned anything about the Italian Stallion, it's that whenever you think he's down for the count, he somehow manages to get back on his feet. It's that indomitable spirit that has made him one of the most beloved characters in movie history. (When the American Film Institute ranked the greatest movie heroes in 2003, Rocky came in at No. 7, between Clarice Starling and Ellen Ripley.)

On Nov. 25, audiences will get one more chance to see Stallone

reprise the role that launched him to sudden worldwide fame four decades ago. In "Creed," a spinoff of the "Rocky" franchise directed by Ryan Coogler ("Fruitvale Station"), the aging Balboa reluctantly agrees to train an up-and-coming fighter named Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan), the son of his former rival Apollo Creed. This time, Rocky doesn't personally get in the ring; instead, his biggest fight is with his own mortality as he faces a battle with cancer.

At 69, Stallone finds the idea that Rocky has now come full circle—from small-time lovable loser to world champion to grizzled mentor—both fitting and strange. "I'm now the same age Burgess Meredith was in 'Rocky'—isn't that weird?" he said. "I'm the guy who's knocking on the door going, 'Hey, kid.' It's an unbelievable feeling. I'm very proud of it."

He smiled his crooked smile. "Rocky is the one thing I've done right. I'd say my life is about 96 percent failures, but if you just get that 4 percent right, that's all you need."

In person, with his muscles bulging under his shirt, Stallone still looks as though he could lay flat a much younger man. Not that he'd want to—like Rocky, he has always been a teddy bear at heart. Before achieving fame, he said, "I walked around with a deep-seated inferiority complex." He still comes across as modest and self-deprecating, aiming his toughest jabs at himself.

Stallone's quietly soulful performance in "Creed" already has some Oscar pundits considering him as a potential supporting actor nominee, but he brushes off that sort of talk. "Can you



Sylvester Stallone, left, and Michael B. Jordan in "Creed." BARRY WETCHER/WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT AND MGM

imagine? That would be really funny, wouldn't it?" Though he was nominated for best actor for the first "Rocky" as well as for his screenplay, he has often been treated as a punching bag over the years for what some have deemed his limited acting range and tendency to play monosyllabic roles.

And yet, when Stallone has tried to branch out and play against type, he's often been smacked down for that as well. In 1997, he received some of the best reviews of his career for his understated turn as a small-town sheriff in the drama "Cop Land," but he ultimately felt the film hurt his career. "I was hoping it would be a game-changer, but the feedback from the studio was that it confused people," he said. "I didn't mean to confuse people—I was just trying to stretch.

That began a long doldrum."

Over the course of his career, Stallone has appeared in roughly 60 movies—big hits, big flops and everything in between. But he knows he will always be best known for Rocky and John Rambo, the muscle-bound, machine-gun-toting Vietnam vet he played in four films. For a long time he fought against that, but at a certain point he came to accept it and even see it as a blessing.

"There are great careers I envy—like Tom Hanks has done amazing work—and you just have to give them their kudos," he said. "I wish I'd had the foresight to have been a little more adventurous a little earlier on. But I get it. Nobody wants to see Bruce Springsteen sing opera. Now I think, 'My God, did I get lucky.'"

Coogler, 29, grew up with a

deep love for the "Rocky" movies that had been instilled by his father. Still, until he met Stallone in person to pitch him the idea for "Creed," which he co-wrote with Aaron Covington, he didn't fully appreciate the depth of his talent.

"I watched all these Stallone movies growing up in the '90s like 'Demolition Man' and 'Cliffhanger,' but he was still Rocky to me, so I went into his office expecting him to be that character," Coogler said. "As soon as I met him, I realized he's the exact opposite. He doesn't walk like Rocky, he doesn't move like Rocky, his personality is totally different—the only thing that's recognizable is the voice. I remember thinking, 'This dude is a phenomenal actor to pull off that character and have it be so natural.' I feel he's been underused."

To say that Stallone—who had written all six "Rocky" movies and directed four of them—was initially resistant to Coogler's "Creed" pitch would be an understatement. "I was dead set against it," he said. "I just didn't ever see taking this character into this realm. Finally my agent said, 'For a guy who played Rocky, you're kind of a chicken.'"

Eventually, Stallone warmed to the idea of bringing Rocky back for one more round, this time as a kind of ringside Buddha and father figure to a younger fighter. "There are certain things I'm allowed to say through Rocky that I can't say through Rambo or anyone else," he said. "Rocky is very preachy. He's just always talking. That's what Rocky really is: a springboard for the way I see life or wish life was."

The fact is, Stallone knows that, even though he brought Rocky into this world, the character doesn't just belong to him anymore. He belongs to all the moviegoers who have been inspired by him over the years, to everyone who's played "Eye of the Tiger" to psych themselves up for some challenge, to all those people who, to this day, pose for photos at the top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps with their arms raised in triumph.

"How many people run up those steps?" Stallone said. "It's incredible. Women who are eight months pregnant. People from different cultures. Intellectuals who have nothing in common with Rocky. They're not running for Sylvester Stallone—I get that. They're running for the Rocky in them."

Tarantino says he won't be intimidated by police boycotts

NEW YORK (AP)—After a week of backlash from police groups threatening to boycott his upcoming film, Quentin Tarantino stood by his comments about police brutality and said he wouldn't be intimidated from voicing his opinion.

Tarantino told the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday that law enforcement groups are trying to bully him. "Instead of dealing with the problem of police brutality in this country, better they single me out," Tarantino told the Times.

"And their message is very clear," he continued. "It's to shut me down. It's to discredit me. It is to intimidate me. It is to shut my mouth, and even more important than that, it is to send a message out to any other prominent person that might feel the need to join that side of the argument." The director's strong response sig-

naled that he wasn't backing down from what he said last month at an anti-police brutality rally Brooklyn. Tarantino said he was "on the side of the murdered."

His comments provoked outrage from a growing number of police groups that have called for the boycott of Tarantino's December release "The Hateful Eight." They include the National Association of Police Organizations and local groups in New York, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia.

"Tarantino lives in a fantasy world," Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said Tuesday. "That's how he makes his living. His movies are extremely violent but he doesn't understand violence. He doesn't understand the nature of the violence that police officers confront. Unfortunately he



AP
In this Oct. 24, 2015 file photo, director Quentin Tarantino, center, participates in a rally to protest against police brutality in New York.

mistakes lawful use of force for murder, and it's not."

Tarantino told the Times "it feels lousy to have a bunch of

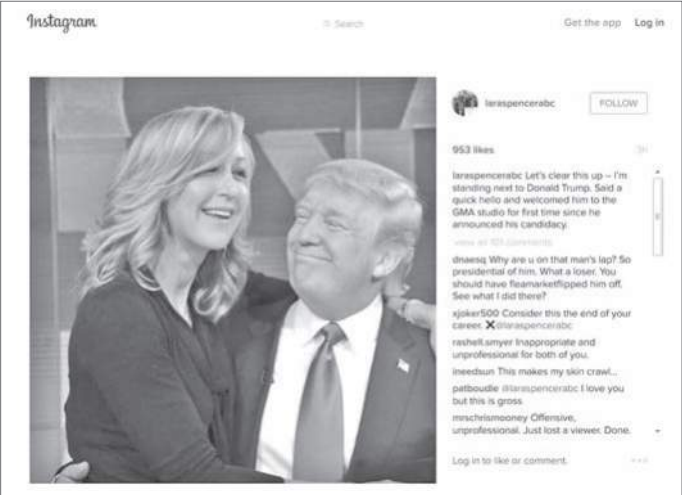
police mouthpieces call me a cop hater. I'm not a cop hater. That is a misrepresentation.

That is slanderous. That is not how I feel."
"But you know, that's their

choice to do that to me," the director added to the Times. "What can I do? I'm not taking back what I said. What I said was the truth. I'm used to people misrepresenting me; I'm used to being misunderstood. What I'd like to think is their attack against me is so vicious that they're revealing themselves. They're hiding in plain sight."

Jamie Foxx, the star of his "Django Unchained," has backed Tarantino. At the Hollywood Film Awards, Foxx said: "Keep telling the truth and don't worry about none of the haters."

GMA anchor Lara Spencer posts photo hugging Donald Trump



NEW YORK (AP)—An Instagram photo of ABC News' "Good Morning America" co-anchor Lara Spencer hugging presidential hopeful Donald Trump is drawing a mix of responses on social media and in real life.

In the photo posted Tuesday, Spencer has one arm around Trump's shoulder and the other across his midsection. Trump's hand is on her waist. They are

both smiling. Spencer's message that initially accompanied the photo: "Can't beat having the REAL DonaldJTrump on," with a smiley face.

The photo, snapped Tuesday morning on the "GMA" set, triggered comments on Instagram that ranged from support for Spencer and Trump to attacks on her professionalism. After a number of critical comments were posted, Spencer

AP
This photo obtained from the Instagram account of Lara Spencer shows Spencer, a co-anchor on "Good Morning America," with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on the set in New York, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

clarified in the Instagram post that she was not seated in his lap, as it appeared to some observers, but "standing next to Donald Trump. Said a quick hello and welcomed him to the GMA studio for first time since he announced his candidacy."

An ABC News representative had no comment on the propriety of the photo. Trump was interviewed by "Good Morning America" anchor George Stephanopoulos on Tuesday; the ABC representative said Spencer, who appeared in a Donald Trump costume on Friday's show, did not appear on-air with the candidate on Tuesday.

Hundreds flock to Trump book signing in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump released his latest book Tuesday, a 193-page campaign manifesto titled "Crippled America" that outlines his philosophy but offers few new details on how the Republican presidential contender would implement his policy goals in the White House.

While most of the presidential candidates have already come out with books as precursors or companions to their campaigns, Trump celebrated his latest with Trump-sized pageantry, hosting a press conference and book signing in the atrium of Trump Tower, where he lives, operates his busi-

ness and runs his campaign.

Hundreds began lining up outside the building before dawn to buy copies of the book and have it signed by the billionaire businessman and former reality TV star. By midday, a line snaked around a Midtown Manhattan city block.

"My book is very hard-hitting, it says it like it is," Trump said. He boasted that he'd already been informed by his publisher that the book was selling like "hotcakes."

The book, which reads like an exhaustive version of the stump speech Trump has been delivering at rallies across the

country, makes the case that he has the experience and business savvy to accomplish things that traditional politicians can't. It comes as Trump adjusts to a new phase of the campaign in which the once undisputed front-runner faces heightened competition from a number of his GOP rivals.

While Trump largely avoids criticizing his competition by name in the book, he said Tuesday he thinks it's time for many to drop out.

"There are too many people!" he said. "Look, if a person's been campaigning for four or five months and they're at zero or 1 or 2 percent, they should get out."

Tommy Caldwell of Yosemite free-climb fame writing memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—Rock climber Tommy Caldwell, who made history earlier this year with a free-climb in Yosemite National Park, has a book deal.

Viking Penguin announced Tuesday that it has acquired the 37-year-old Caldwell's memoir "Push" and plans to release the

book in 2017.

Caldwell and partner Kevin Jorgeson in January became the first people to free climb the 3,000 foot Dawn Wall of Yosemite's El Capitan. They spent 19 days scaling the wall, using only their hands and feet to propel themselves up the sheer

granite wall that has long been considered the world's most difficult climb.

Viking Penguin says Caldwell's book will tell of his lifelong passion for climbing and of the many obstacles he overcame, including losing his left index finger.

Daughter avoids mom's call after exhausting day at work

DEAR ABBY: My mother calls me all the time. I answer sometimes, but sometimes I don't because I feel she wants to know too much about my life.

I work full time with the public. When I get home, I'm tired. I have talked to people all day long, and I really don't feel like entertaining her.

My mother tends to be negative, snotty and, most of the time, offensive. If there's a storm or an accident on the news, she calls me repeatedly until I call back. Who wants to call someone back who acts that way?

I try to be positive and upbeat. Sometimes she drains my energy. Do you have any advice for me?

PUT OFF IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR PUT OFF: Yes. Explain to your mother that at the end of the day you don't have the energy to carry on a lengthy conversation with her. It wouldn't be rude; it's the truth. If she calls because she's worried that the bad news she hears in the media could be about you, tell her that you have her listed as someone to contact if there is an emergency. Continue to be positive and upbeat, and stop hiding from your mother.

DEAR ABBY: Would you PLEASE say a few words to those discourteous individuals in the gym who, even at 6 a.m., think it's

all right to sit on a piece of exercise equipment, texting, while others wait to complete their weight-training workouts and get to work?

TED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR TED: The first rule of basic etiquette ANYwhere is to show consideration for the people around you. This applies not only to gym-goers who hog the equipment while texting, but also to the ones who carry on extended conversations while straddling the treadmill, sitting on equipment others are waiting to use, and failing to wipe away the perspiration they dripped on the machines while they were exercising.

Oh! And let's not overlook those who slather on perfume before going to the gym, despite the fact that as one sweats the odor is magnified—or worse, people who "forget" to use deodorant. (Have I covered it all?)

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and the only job I have is baby-sitting. My brother and his girlfriend ask me to baby-sit their two kids, ages 9 and 6. They haven't paid me for the last five times I've watched them. They say I should do it for free because it's my niece and nephew.

Shouldn't I get paid? What should I do? Shouldn't they pay me for the other times before I watch them again?

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR TEEN: If you had another way of earning money, I would say that, yes, you should watch your niece and nephew occasionally without charging. However, if your brother and his girlfriend agreed to pay in the past and have suddenly stopped, they are taking advantage of you. If that's the case, you have the right to deny your services until you receive what they owe.

A word of advice: This will happen less often if you communicate in advance that you charge for baby-sitting, how much you want to be paid and you expect that to happen at the time of service.

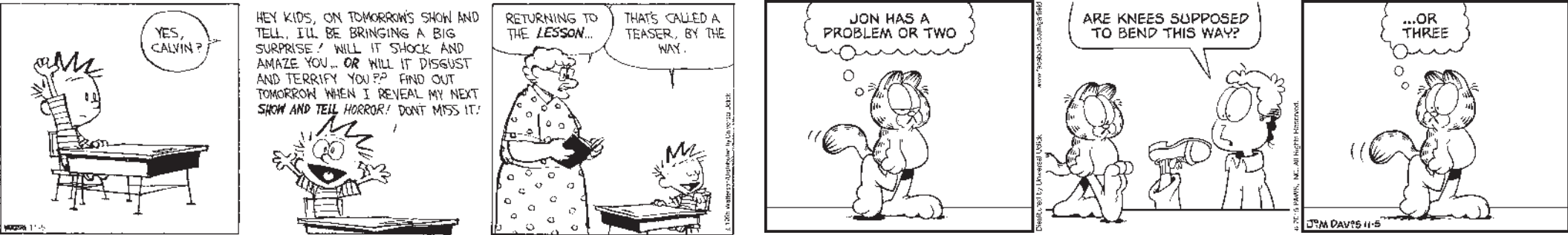
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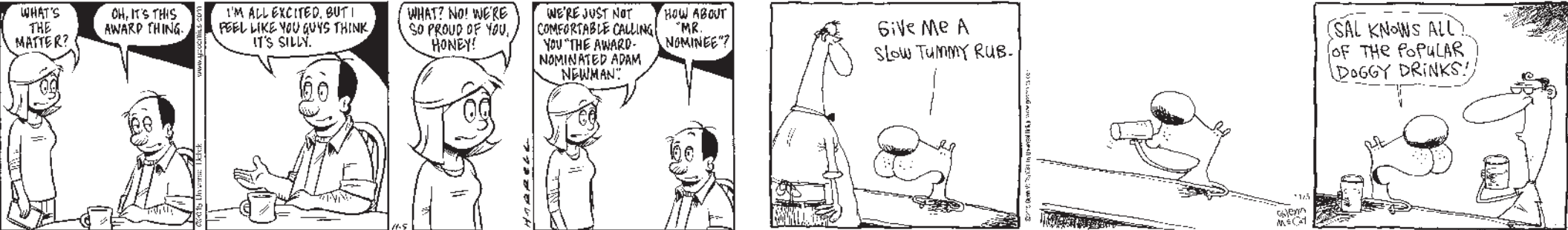
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 - 41 "Bull Durham" star
 - 43 They're nuts!
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 - 51 "Top Gun" actor
 - 52 "Star Trek" counselor
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 - 56 Dull routines
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 11-5

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kevin Jonas, 28; Tatum O'Neal, 52; Bryan Adams, 56; Art Garfunkel, 74.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your responsibilities behind you and move on to the things you enjoy doing the most. Personal changes can be made that will alter the way you earn your living. Negotiations are favored and contracts can be signed. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be the center of attention if you share your ideas and do your best to help those experiencing difficulty keeping up. Discussing concerns with someone you are in a partnership with will bring about workable solutions. Romance is encouraged. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful how much you take on. It's okay to want to help others, but not being able to live up to the promises you make will lead to criticism and blame. Invest in yourself and make positive emotional, physical or financial changes. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make positive alterations to your living arrangements. Your curiosity regarding different cultures, lifestyles and beliefs will help

you bring about unique personal changes. Invest more time in travel and education. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a day trip or indulge in a seminar, lecture or trade-show that offers all sorts of ideas that can help you expand your interests and make new and influential connections. Avoid getting into arguments with the people you live with. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Temper your emotions to avoid an unfortunate encounter. Someone will make demands on you if you allow them to. Stay busy and you will avoid being dragged into situations that are uncomfortable and unlikely to help you excel. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your time and effort toward projects that count. Listen, learn and gain experience from someone who has knowledge and information that you can benefit from. Don't alter your life because you are bored. Make sure your motives are worthwhile. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll attract a lot of attention personally and professionally. Consider the motives behind the offers you receive before you make a decision to get involved in a joint venture. Romance will improve your relationship with someone you love. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do your homework and check out facts thoroughly before you make any decisions that can affect your reputation, position, status or income. You'll be led astray if you allow someone to play with your emotions. Deception is apparent. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a clear passage to achieve your dreams, hopes and wishes as long as you don't let someone's unpredictable behavior get in the way. Distance yourself from anyone who might pose a problem to your plans. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an open mind. Don't expect others to agree with what you do, but be strong enough to follow through with the plans that seem to work best for you. Go it alone and make the changes that suit your needs. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take on someone else's responsibilities or dealings with institutions. You don't want to miss out on the opportunity to do your own thing. Explore a personal relationship with someone who shares your interests and concerns. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/05

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

GREAT CHESS MOVES Solution: 10 letters

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: } **Civil Case No. 15-0171-CV**
PEDRO CASTRO } **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION and NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
MAGOFNA, }
Deceased. }

Please take notice that George Vincent Pinaula Magofna, petitioner, has filed a petition for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate to him to administer the estate of Pedro Castro Magofna, deceased, pursuant to Rule 15, Commonwealth Rules of Probate.

A hearing on the petition shall be conducted before the Honorable David A. Wiseman, on the 15th day of December, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., at the Guma Hustisia/Imwal Aweewe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to Rule 21, Commonwealth Rules of Probate, notice is hereby given to all creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the decedent, Pedro Castro Magofna, that within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice, creditors of the decedent must file their claims with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, located at the Guma Hustisia/Imwal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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Lowry, Raptors start 4-0 for 1st time, beating Mavs, 102-91



DALLAS (AP)—Kyle Lowry scored 27 points as the Toronto Raptors spoiled the home opener in Dallas, beating the Mavericks 102-91 on Tuesday for the first 4-0 start in club history.

The Raptors took the lead for good on a 12-0 run that started in the middle of the fourth quarter. Jonas Valanciunas had six of his 16 points during the decisive stretch.

The Mavericks went almost 4 minutes without a basket after Dirk Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer for an 86-82 lead. Nowitzki finished with 18 points.

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, and Luis Scola had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who opened with three straight wins two other times in their first 20 seasons.

Lowry had a game-high 10 assists, and Toronto held Dallas to 6-of-22 shooting in the fourth quarter and 38 percent for the game.

Deron Williams, who starred at a Dallas-area high school, had 13 points in his home debut for the Mavericks.



Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) celebrates scoring a basket against the Dallas Mavericks late in the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, in Dallas. AP

Hawks 98, Heat 92

In Miami, Jeff Teague had 26 points and nine assists, leading the Hawks to a road win.

Al Horford scored 17 points and Paul Millsap had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, which has won four straight following a season-opening loss.

Hassan Whiteside finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, doing so on 11-for-12 shooting. According to STATS, Whiteside was the third Heat center to shoot at least 11 for 12 and block four shots in a game, joining Alonzo Mourning and Shaquille O'Neal.

Dwyane Wade scored 21 points despite spending a long stretch of the second half back in the Heat locker room after feeling a migraine start coming

on. He took some medicine and returned in the fourth quarter.

Nuggets 120, Lakers 109

In Los Angeles, Kenneth Faried had 28 points and 15 rebounds, and Danilo Gallinari got 14 of his 21 points in the second half of Denver's victory over winless Los Angeles.

J.J. Hickson scored 17 points in the Nuggets' fifth consecutive win over the Lakers at Staples Center since November 2012. Faried dominated the low post, went 10 for 13 and hit all eight of his free throws in Denver's 10th win over Los Angeles in the last 11 meetings.

Jordan Clarkson matched his career high with 30 points, and Lou Williams added 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Lakers, who started 0-4 for the second straight year.

Kobe Bryant had 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, doing little to end his slump.

Grizzlies 103, Kings 89

In Sacramento, California, Zach Randolph had 20 points and 11 rebounds as Memphis bounced back from an embarrassing loss with a victory over Sacramento.

The Grizzlies were eager to rebound after a franchise-worst, 50-point loss Monday to the de-

fending NBA champion Golden State Warriors. The Grizzlies were outscored 72-27 in the middle two quarters and set a team low for shooting (27.1 percent).

Mike Conley had 14 points and six assists for Memphis, and Courtney Lee also scored 14. Marc Gasol developed a neck spasm and didn't play in the second half.

Rudy Gay had 19 points for the Kings, who played without All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins because of a strained right Achilles. Sacramento's perennial scoring and rebounding leader is also expected to miss

Wednesday's game in Phoenix.

Hornets 130, Bulls 105

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Jeremy Lamb scored 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting and Nicolas Batum added 18 as Charlotte cruised to its first victory of the season.

Jeremy Lin added 15 points, and Al Jefferson had 14. The hot-shooting Hornets shot 14 of 22 from beyond the arc and made 22 of 23 free throws.

Charlotte (1-3) led by as many as 27 in the second quarter after starting the game by hitting 13 of 18 shots from the field and all 11 foul shots in the first quarter.

The Bulls never mounted a serious challenge.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls (3-2) with a season-high 26 points on 10-of-16 shooting, while Doug McDermott added 17 points.

Magic 103, Pelicans 94

In New Orleans, Evan Fournier capped a career-high, 30-point performance with a pair of 3-pointers in the final 1:13 as Orlando won for the first time this season.

Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Victor Oladipo added 12 points for the Magic, who, like the Pelicans, entered the contest at 0-3.

Eric Gordon had 21 points for New Orleans, which trimmed an 18-point, first-half deficit to 95-90 with 2:46 to go. Then Fournier helped Orlando put it away.

Anthony Davis, Jrue Holiday and Ryan Anderson each scored 14 for the injury-plagued Pelicans, who have yielded more than 100 points in all four losses under new coach Alvin Gentry.

Pacers 94, Pistons 82

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Rodney Stuckey scored 23 points against his former team, and Paul George added 16 points and nine rebounds as Indiana beat Detroit for its first victory.

The Pistons fell to 3-1.

Andre Drummond had 25 points and a career-high 29 rebounds, becoming the first Piston with back-to-back 20/20 games since at least 1985, according to STATS. Reggie Jackson added 20 points.

The Pistons led 30-22 late in the first quarter, and no one paid much attention when George hit two free throws to pull Indiana within six at the period's end.

By the time Stan Van Gundy called timeout with 7:13 left in the half, the Pacers led 44-30, having scored 22 straight points, including the first 20 of the second quarter.

Washington Nationals hire Dusty Baker as their next manager



WASHINGTON (AP)—

Dusty Baker got another managing job, this time with the Washington Nationals. And Major League Baseball got another black skipper, something the man in charge of the sport called "encouraging."

The Nationals announced Baker's hiring on Tuesday, nearly a month after firing Matt Williams when the club missed the playoffs.

With Baker joining the Nationals, baseball avoids what would have been its first start to a season since 1988 with zero black managers.

"I am certain that the Nationals, like all of our clubs, hired the best person for the job. It is encouraging that in this case the best person turned out to be African-American," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred

wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "This is a positive step and I am intent on making continued progress on diversity in the managerial ranks going forward."

When the Seattle Mariners fired Lloyd McClendon last month, it left no black managers in the major leagues. No season had started without at least one since 1988; in April that year, Frank Robinson replaced Cal Ripken Sr. with the Baltimore Orioles. Robinson later managed the Nationals.

"Dusty Baker is highly qualified, has years of managerial experience and is a proven leader," Manfred wrote.

In the 66-year-old Baker, the Nationals get someone who has worked 20 seasons as a manager in the majors and whose 1,671-1,504 record—a .526 winning percentage—includes the second-most victories among active man-

agers. He led the San Francisco Giants to the 2002 World Series and reached the postseason a half-dozen other times.

He becomes the second-oldest manager in the majors at the moment, a few weeks younger than Terry Collins, who just led the New York Mets to the World Series.

Baker also managed the Chicago Cubs and, most recently, the Cincinnati Reds, who fired him in 2013. He has a reputation for being able to handle different clubhouse personalities, including managing Barry Bonds while with the Giants.

Baker won NL Manager of the Year honors in 1993, 1997 and 2000. He retired as a player in 1986 after 19 years in the majors, winning a World Series title with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

"We were looking for a manager to help us achieve our ul-

timate goal of competing for a World Series championship," Nationals owner Ted Lerner said in a statement. "During our broad search process we met with many qualified candidates, and ultimately it was clear that Dusty's deep experience was the best fit for our ballclub."

The Nationals were said to have settled on hiring former San Diego Padres manager Bud Black last week before contract talks with him broke down.

Washington said general manager Mike Rizzo and Baker will wait until Thursday to hold a news conference; Rizzo spoke about Williams' firing on a conference call.

In the news release about Baker's hiring, Rizzo said: "We are excited to bring him to Washington and put his steady demeanor, knowledge and many years in the game to work in our favor."

Rizzo let Williams go a day after Washington, which had World Series aspirations, finished the regular season at 83-79, seven games behind the New York Mets in the NL East.

Williams, who played under Baker with the Giants, had never managed in the majors when he was hired for the 2014 season. The Nationals won their division and he was voted NL Manager of the Year; a division series loss to San Francisco followed.

Williams then presided over a 2015 season filled with defeats, discord and the embarrassing spectacle of a dugout dustup between NL MVP front-runner Bryce Harper and teammate Jonathan Papelbon during a game the day after the team was eliminated from playoff contention.

Williams said he had no idea of the extent of the skirmish un-

til much later in the day, even though he was in the dugout at the time, Williams said he hadn't been aware of exactly what happened—including that Papelbon grabbed Harper by the throat. None of his players or coaches told him about it right away, and he said he hadn't asked to know more.

On the day he announced that Williams would not return, Rizzo was asked what sought in Williams' replacement.

"Communication in the clubhouse, communication within the coaching staff, is vital," Rizzo said on Oct. 5. "Experience is always helpful. It always adds a layer of expertise to anybody's resume. We feel that where we're at in our timetable of winning a championship, we certainly would lean toward someone that has some type of managerial experience, especially at the major league level."

Mularkey hopes to seize surprising 3rd chance as NFL coach



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Titans surprised Mike Mularkey by choosing him to replace the friend who brought him to Tennessee. With a third chance to be a head coach in the NFL, Mularkey wants to prove he's the man for the job.

The interim coach's nine-game audition starts Sunday at New Orleans.

"I wasn't sure I'd ever get another one after what happened in Jacksonville, but I'd absolutely like to have that opportunity," Mularkey said Tuesday.

Mularkey went 2-14 in his lone season in Jacksonville in 2012. He takes over a 1-6 Tennessee squad that has lost six straight, the longest skid in the NFL, and 16 of its last 17 games.

The Titans fired Ken Whisenhunt on Tuesday morning after a 3-20 tenure and turned to Mularkey, who also coached Buffalo in 2004 and 2005. Being the second NFL team to fire a head coach gives the Titans a chance to start evaluating candidates, and president Steve Underwood said controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk will pick the next coach.

"She obviously wants to get wins out of this team and felt in the best interest of the team," Mularkey said.

Strunk also made it clear she wants quarterback Marcus Mariota protected, even if that means holding the rookie out of games to heal. The Titans have given up 28 sacks, and Mariota missed the last two games with a sprained MCL in his left knee injured Oct. 18 when he was sacked five times in the first half by Miami.

This franchise hasn't been to the playoffs since 2008, and Mariota is the third quarterback it's drafted within the first eight picks in the last decade.

"I don't care how good the rest of your team is, if you don't have the right kind of quarterback it's hard to succeed long-term," Underwood said. "We now have another rookie quarterback who's very promising,



and I think our future is bright. ... So much in our league begins and ends with the quarterback."

Whisenhunt helped draft Mariota at No. 2 overall last spring, but Underwood said Strunk had been thinking of making a coaching change for weeks. Underwood and general manager Ruston Webster told Whisenhunt he was fired.

"When you're not winning and you can't win, that's when change happens in the NFL," Underwood said.

Whisenhunt's latest loss came Sunday in Houston, where this franchise was founded and with Strunk in the stadium. That apparently

was the last straw for Strunk, who was not at Tuesday's press conference. She took over as controlling owner in March, replacing Tommy Smith, who gave Whisenhunt a five-year contract in January 2014.

Titans cornerback Perrish Cox, who missed the last two games with an injured hamstring, said on Twitter that the move was frustrating.

"For anyone who wants to know, no I am NOT happy with wiz gone, he was a good coach, he wntz the prob and we all know it!!," Cox wrote.

Mularkey said he talked with Mariota briefly Tuesday and told the rookie they'll

do some things differently to keep him "upright." That may include lineup changes on the offensive line.

"Obviously, based on what's

happened the past couple weeks with the protections, that's imperative," Mularkey said.

Mularkey was chosen over Dick LeBeau, another former

AP
The Tennessee Titans assistant head coach/tight ends coach Mike Mularkey, left, walks to a news conference after it was announced that he has been named the interim head coach after the team fired head coach Ken Whisenhunt Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

NFL head coach, as interim coach based on his experience as an offensive coordinator. LeBeau is in charge of a defense currently fifth in the NFL in yards allowed.

Whisenhunt brought Mularkey to Tennessee as his tight ends coach last season and added assistant head coach to the title this offseason. Mularkey is 16-32 overall as a head coach. A nine-year player in the NFL with Minnesota and Pittsburgh, Mularkey also has been an offensive coordinator with Pittsburgh, Miami and Atlanta.

Tennessee currently ranks next to last in the NFL, averaging 17.9 points, and in total yards per game. Offensive coordinator Jason Michael will call plays, a job Whisenhunt previously handled.

This is the first in-season coaching change for the franchise since 1994, when Jeff Fisher replaced Jack Pardee.

Whisenhunt's .130 winning percentage with Tennessee ranks behind only Leeman Bennett with Tampa Bay and Rich Kotite with the New York Jets (4-28, .125) for the worst NFL coaching record since 1970, and tied Jim Ringo (3-20) of Buffalo, according to STATS.

No trades get done on NFL's deadline day

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The only action at the NFL's trade deadline Tuesday came in Denver, where tight end Vernon Davis arrived to take his physical and begin learning the language of Peyton Manning's suddenly revved-up offense.

Joe Thomas won't be joining them.

Switching teams in pro football isn't as easy as it is in other sports, so there's usually a scarcity of midseason moves, and even Sunday's rash of injuries to key players served to quash talks rather than ignite talks.

After filling a void at tight end, Broncos GM John Elway explored an even bigger splash but the Broncos and Browns couldn't reach agreement on a blockbuster deal for Thomas, Cleveland's eight-time Pro Bowl left tackle.

"The trading deadline creates a lot of controversy and a lot of scuttlebutt that generally results in nothing," Browns general manager Ray Farmer told reporters after the deadline passed quietly. "We had some conversations and, at the end of the day, they all resulted in the same thing—nothing."

After acquiring Davis and a late-round draft pick Mon-

day for a pair of sixth-round picks, Elway said his philosophy was to make a deal if it made both organizational and financial sense.

"I think that we're always trying to get better," Elway said. "... We're not going to mortgage the future to do it, but if we can add to our football team now and feel like it makes us better, we're going to look at opportunities like that."

Denver will stick with a platoon of left tackles Ryan Harris and Tyler Polumbus protecting Manning's blindside. Both players were jettisoned by the Broncos several years ago only to be brought back this season when injuries riddled the O-line.

Ryan Clady tore an ACL in May and his replacement, rookie Ty Sambrailo, is headed for surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder that has sidelined him since September.

Although there were no deadline deals, there were plenty of moves across the league Tuesday:

■ The Chargers placed star receiver Keenan Allen on season-ending injured reserve with a lacerated kidney.

■ The Cowboys released embattled running back Joseph

Randle.

■ The 49ers signed running back Pierre Thomas.

■ And the Titans fired coach Ken Whisenhunt after a 1-6 start and hired Mike Mularkey interim coach.

The Broncos are one of the league's four 7-0 teams but had two big concerns: tight end and left tackle after losing third-round pick Jeff Heuerman and Clady to knee injuries during offseason workouts this spring.

The Broncos have long had their eye on Davis, the sixth overall draft pick in 2006 and the 49ers' franchise leader at his position in catches and touchdowns. But they wanted to make sure he had overcome a recent knee injury. With 10 catches for 85 yards over San Francisco's past two games, they were satisfied and signed off on the deal Monday.

Elway figures Davis can help clear out the middle of the field where opponents have bunched their defenders, throttling Denver's ground game and crowding Manning's passing lanes.

"Obviously it's going to take him a little bit of time to get used to what we're doing," Elway said. "We'd like to get him in there as soon as we can."

Colts fire offensive coordinator after 3 straight losses

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A confounding start prompted Indianapolis Colts coach Chuck Pagano to fire his offensive coordinator on Tuesday.

Less than 24 hours after a third consecutive loss, Pagano announced he had replaced Pep Hamilton with associate head coach Rob Chudzinski.

"As head coach of this team, it's my responsibility to make sure I'm doing everything we can to put us in the best position to succeed," Pagano said in a statement. "We thank Pep for his service to the team and wish him all the best."

Clearly, the Colts (3-5) have not lived up to the Super Bowl hype they started with this season.

They lost their first two games for the second time in Pagano's tenure and are in the midst of the first three-game losing streak since Pagano and Andrew Luck arrived in town in 2012. Outside the terrible AFC South, Indianapolis is 0-5, and Luck has thrown a league-high 12 interceptions despite missing the first two games of his career because of a right shoulder injury.

Not surprisingly, Pagano and Hamilton had faced a steady stream of criticism for mistakes and questionable play-calling. Hamilton mostly blamed himself.

"It's a combination of helping the protection and then I just have to do a better job of com-

ing up with ways to get our guys matched up and getting them matched up against the linebackers, safeties, whoever, getting them more involved in the passing game," Hamilton said Thursday when he was asked why the tight ends weren't more involved.

While the move was not entirely unexpected, the timing was a surprise.

Indy (3-5) lost 29-26 to unbeaten Carolina in overtime on Monday night, and now has a short week to prepare for Peyton Manning and the unbeaten Denver Broncos. Most people around town thought the schedule might force the Colts to wait till next week, their bye week, to make a change.

IT&E becomes major Ko'ko' sponsor

The Guam Visitors Bureau welcomes IT&E as a major telecommunication sponsor of the 2015 Ko'ko' Weekend, which includes the 9th Annual Guam Ko'ko' Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 7, followed by the 10th Annual Guam Ko'ko' Half Marathon and Ekiden Relay on Sunday, Nov. 8, held at Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach) in Tumon.

GVB has received \$10,000 in support from IT&E during a recent check presentation at IT&E's corporate office in the Harmon Industrial Park. As a major telecommunication sponsor, IT&E will provide the communications technology used to manage the races as well as prizes for the on-line promotion and post-race drawing. Additionally, IT&E will award top-of-the-line Samsung Note 3 Tablets to the top three winners of the Ko'ko' Kids Fun Run and to the overall winner of the Ko'ko' Ekiden Relay Race Team.

The Guam Ko'ko' Kids Fun

Run on Nov. 7 will include a 3K for 10-12 year-olds, 2K for 7-9 year-olds, and 1K for 4-6 year-olds. Space is limited to the first 500 registrants. Each finisher will receive a T-shirt and finisher's medal.

The Nov. 8 Guam Ko'ko' race is a half marathon solo and a four-person ekiden relay road race, which starts and ends at Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach).

The half marathon solo race course showcases the villages of Tumon, Tamuning, Asan, and the capital city of Hagåtña.

The Ekiden Relay will consist of a 5K course that travels the same route as the half marathon, with the turn at the 1.5K mark in Tamuning near the United City Ticket Office.

Participants can expect cheering groups, water stops and entertainment along the race course.

Trophies will be awarded to top finishers in each category

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Jim Oehlerking, left, CEO of IT&E, presents IT&E's sponsorship of the 10th Annual 2015 Ko'ko' Half Marathon & Ekiden Relay and Guam Ko'ko' Kids Fun Run to Telo T. Taitague, GVB deputy general manager, right.

of the half marathon and ekiden relay race. General online registration is open through Nov. 3 at www.guamkokoroadrace.com

or at the front desk of the Pacific Islands Club in Tumon. The Ko'ko' Half Marathon & Ekiden Relay is designed to in-

crease awareness for the ko'ko' bird, the indigenous Guam Rail. The Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic

and Wildlife Resources works to heighten awareness of the plight of the flightless bird and helps to preserve this endangered species. Che'lu' is the official mascot for the Guam Rail and interacts with the community of Guam and visitors endearing them to Guam's territorial bird. (GVB)

Source: Mets manager Collins gets contract through 2017

NEW YORK (AP)—Terry Collins has a new contract to keep managing the New York Mets. He can only hope for a second chance in the World Series.

Two days after their rousing season ended with a stinging loss to Kansas City, the Mets

rewarded Collins for piloting them to the National League pennant. He received a two-year deal through 2017, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made. Collins and general manager

Sandy Alderson are set to appear at a Citi Field news conference Wednesday.

The Mets held a club option on Collins for 2016, but instead gave him a longer contract. The oldest manager in the majors at 66, he has a 394-416 regular-season record in five years with New York.

The agreement came quickly in the wake of New York's 12-inning loss to the Royals at home Sunday night in the World Series clincher.

Collins was criticized for the way he handled his bullpen in Game 4 and second-guessed for letting Matt Harvey take the mound in the ninth inning of

Game 5 with a 2-0 lead. Kansas City soon chased Harvey, tied the score against closer Jeurys Familia and won the crown three innings later.

After the game, Collins admitted he planned to pull Harvey before the ninth but was talked out of it by his head-strong starter.

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within one, but Merrick Toves gave Kanoa the insurance eight minutes later.

BOYS U15

MP United 3, Matansa 0

MP United is also ahead in the boys U15 division as it improved to a 3-0-0 record following a shutout win over Matansa.

Edwin Kim towed MP United to its third victory in as many

matches after scoring a pair of goals. Michael Lee tallied the other goal for MP United, as he made it to the board right in the opening minute of their match at the Hopwood pitch, while Kim recorded his back-to-back goals in the 20th and 75th.

MP United handed Matansa its second loss in as many games.

Paire 3, Kanoa 1

Paire got its second win in three matches after defeating Kanoa

in the other boys U15 division pairing at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Dai Podziewski, Harry Huh, and Jefferzon Sagum scored for Paire in the 11th, 14th, and 52nd minute, respectively, while Andruw Omelau nailed the lone goal for Kanoa (1-0-2) in the 69th.

The other match at the Oleai pitch resulted to a win by Tan Holdings-1 after Shirley's FC failed to come up with enough players for the game. Tan Hold-

ings 1 is still unbeaten in two matches, while Shirley's is winless after three games.

BOYS U18

Tan Holdings 18, Paire 0

Tan Holdings posted the most lopsided victory in Week 4 of the youth league after clobbering Paire at the Oleai pitch.

Sean Perez led Tan Holdings' demolition of Paire after drilling five goals, while Cosmos Kim added four. Hobin Lee tallied pair, while Louie Calayag, Joel

and Anthony Fruit, Young Jin Jung, Junsik Kim, Yoshi Mafnas, and Mareko Tekopua contributed one apiece.

Tan Holdings has a 3-0-0 record in the four-team field.

MP United 1, Matansa 0

MP United duplicated Tan Holdings' perfect slate after nipping Matansa.

Moris Villanueva made the only goal in the first boys U18 game at the Oleai pitch, as he found his target in the 49th minute.

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moa in November, the TVL Regional Championships in Vanuatu next month, the Easter Open in Fiji in April, and a U14 Circuit contest in American Samoa with the date to be announced later.

"We will have more players having a chance to gain ranking points as we now have our own event included in the Circuit," Race said.

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He was with MHS last year where he played for the reigning Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization boys basketball champions Dolphins.

Saipan Community School's Ken Song was the fastest runner in the boys middle school division as he blitzed through the 2.1-mile (3.3k) course in 12:48.

SCS teammate Oliver Lee

was second at 13:27, while Mt. Carmel School's Dominic Torres finished third in 14:53.

Conatsu Kaga led a 1-2-3 finish for home school students in the U13 girls division with a time of 13:31, while Therize Millare, the winner last Oct. 24, clocked 18:01 to beat Ruschell Valino by two seconds (18:03).

It was another ACS sweep in the U15 girls division with Lyu Xi Le crossing the finish line in 20:10 followed by Xy Ling

Ling's 20:45. Sarah Wu came in third at 25:34.

Christian Villacrucis also booked his second win in the series as he was again the top U15 boys runner. He was a bit slower this time at 12:56 against his 9:00 last Oct. 24.

ACS bets Joseph Rui and Henry Hu came in second and third with times of 14:49 and 15:12 respectively.

The third leg of the Cross Country race will be on Saturday, Nov.

7, while the final leg is on Nov. 14. Both will be held at the Airport Field and will have 3:15pm as registration and 4pm start.

The order of the race on Nov. 7 will be elementary, middle, and high school divisions, while on Nov. 14 it will be middle and high school first followed by the elementary runners.

The venue for the Nov. 21 finals is still being arranged with the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort as the possible race site.

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Oklahoma City	3	1	.750	—
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KB Market rallies past CES Electronics

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KB Market bagged its second win in the masters division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after a come-from-behind victory over CES Electronics, 94-86, last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

KB Market trailed by as much as 11 points in the first half, 26-15, and was still behind by 9 in the third before it rallied midway in the penultimate quarter and played steady in the fourth to hand CES Electronics its fourth loss in as many matches.

A 20-5 scoring run in the last six minutes and change of the third period helped KB Market turn a 55-46 deficit to a 66-60 advantage, entering the final canto. Ed Pangelinan led KB Market's recovery, scoring 6 points in that spurt, while Pete Camacho, Mike Umali, and Mel Puri added 4 markers apiece, and Boy Garcia made

the 2 other points.

CES Electronics was held to a field goal in the third-quarter meltdown off Ariel Abadilla's baseline jumper. The 3 other points were courtesy off Ferdie Tobias' free throws.

CES Electronics went on to play catch-up in the fourth quarter and had a chance to regain the upper hand if not for its free throw woes and errant passes in the last two minutes of the match.

The final two-minute mark of the game started with KB Market opening an 89-82 lead after Eli Rangamar canned a short jumper and later fed Pangelinan for a fastbreak layup. KB Market then failed to produce points in its next three or four possessions, while CES Electronics trooped to the foul line on three occasions, but went 2-for-6. Tobias had back-to-back split free throws, while Abadilla muffed both charities, leaving KB Market with an 89-84 advantage, down to the last 48 seconds of the match.

A split from Rangamar made it a 6-point cushion and KB



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KB Market's Elias Rangamar, left, pulls up for a running jumper, while teammate Arman Anasan, center, tries to prevent CES Electronics' Sonny Ebuén from challenging the former's shot during the third quarter of their masters division game in the San Antonio caging last Monday at the San Antonio court.

Market sealed the victory with Pangelinan and Umali breaking away for layups off CES Electronics' careless passing. Olan Tengco made an open layup in the closing seconds to peg the final score.

Pangelinan paced KB Market with his 25 points, while Umali chipped in 17, and Camacho had 14 in his debut after missing the team's first two matches. Tobias led CES Electronics with his 24 markers.

Meanwhile, Ask Y U B remained on top of the open division standings (East Group) after outlasting the Sonics, 72-68.

Ask Y U B now has a 5-1 record, two wins ahead of second-running MJD Enterprise (3-1).

Ask Y U B squandered a double-digit spread in the fourth quarter, 57-45, but managed to keep its distance against the Sonics by making crucial free throws in the homestretch. Ask Y U B scored its last 7 markers from the foul line with Jethro Cruz nailing four, Djay Ong adding two, and Sydney Quan

logging one.

Cruz top-scored for Ask Y U B with his 23 points, while Ong and Quan chipped in 17 and 11, respectively. Melvin Cadiang had 22 for the Sonics, who saw their three-game winning run snap as the team dropped to a 3-2 record.

Masters

KB Market 94 – Pangelinan 25, Umali 17, Camacho 14, Rangamar 8, Puri 8, Garcia 5, Lansang 5, Ayuyu 4, Castro 3, Anasan 2, Renguul 2.

CES Electronics 86 – Tobias 24, Tibayan 19, S. Ebuén 12, Abadilla 10, Dacumos 10, O. Ebuén 6, Tengco 5.

Scoring by quarters: 15-26, 38-41, 66-60, 94-86.

Open

Ask Y U B 72 – Cruz 23, Ong 17, Quan 11, Chariton 7, Rabauliman 6, Camacho 4, Hammond 4.

Sonics 68 – Cadiang 22, De Guzman 17, Flores 13, Bondoc 8, Lansang 5, Rivera 3.

Scoring by quarters: 16-11, 30-28, 55-45, 72-68.

Olympian to visit Saipan schools

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Beijing Olympian Sean Pangelinan will be visiting some Saipan schools today to make a brief talk on how to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Pangelinan, who will also grace the second edition of the Marianas PaddleFest Series on Saturday, will start his school tour at the Marianas High School starting at 9:30am. His visits will only last an hour.

"Sean will be visiting schools to talk to kids about fitness and reaching their goals in life. Part of Sean's visit is to talk to the youth of the community while he's here," said Dino Manning, one of the organizers of the PaddleFest.

The 28-year-old Pangelinan's next stops will be at Chacha Oceanview Middle School at 11am, Tanapag Middle School at 1pm, and Dandan Middle School at 2:30pm.

On Friday, Pangelinan's itinerary starts at Hopwood Junior High School at 8:45am followed by Mt. Carmel School at 10:30am. His 1pm schedule is at San Antonio Middle School is still tentative.

Manning said Pangelinan's visit to the schools is in partnership with the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's program in battling childhood obesity in the CNMI.

"Sean's visit to the schools is a project in partnership with NMC-CREES. We went to the presentation of the proposal in a meeting at the [Public School

System] to know the objective. And the interest from the schools was there," Manning added.

Pangelinan will also be at the Marianas PaddleFest Series on Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's beachside where he will conduct a free paddling clinic to all registered participants of the event jointly organized by OceanSoul Unlimited and Windsurfing Saipan.

His free clinic includes training tips, techniques, and fitness in Stand Up Paddling.

The Yona-born paddler represented Guam in the men's singles flatwater canoeing events in the 29th Summer Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008. He made history by reaching the semifinals of the 500m event and was 10 seconds shy of clinching another semis berth in the 1,000m due to a bad start.

Pangelinan, who began his paddling career in Guam's interscholastic sports program, got into flatwater canoeing when he was a high school senior. He manages his own gym, FitLab in San Diego, California.

Registration is still open at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/marianas-paddlefest-race-2-registration-18710063303> or at Windsurfing Saipan. For more information, email oceansoulunlimited@gmail.com.

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Sean Pangelinan's visit on Saipan is part of the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's program in battling childhood obesity in the CNMI. Pangelinan is the paddler second from right.

Destroyers take early lead in Tuesday billiards

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The Jokers Destroyers took the early lead in the Tuesday Division of the Saipan Billiards Association's Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

The Destroyers visited the Crazy 8 last Tuesday night and scored a 9-4 win to jump on top of the standings in the 21st season of the SBA-organized leagues.

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Jokers Bar is supporting four teams—Destroyers, Hustlers, StraightBlackBall, and Voyagers—while Jonny's has two, the Titans and Crazy 8.

The triumvirate of Destroyers team captain Nolan Cultura, Rico Montano, and Cesar Sangalang swept the first two sets of Singles play

on their way to victory.

Montano even went 4-1 in the five matches he played against the Crazy 8. He was undefeated in Singles play and went 1-1 in Partners 8-Ball—his loss was when he and Sangalang lost to Rey Pinangay and Zaldy Quebral.

Montano did not lose after that with his second team up with Sangalang resulting in a win over Quebral and Victor Formales.

Standings in the six-team field are currently close with only one win separating

the squads. Changes in the standings would take place as the season goes on in the 20-week league that ends on March 15, 2016.

The Hustlers completed an 8-4 decision over sister team Voyagers, while the StraightBlackBall edged the Titans, 7-6. Docomo and IT&E are also supporting the Hustlers and Voyagers, respectively.

Matches in next Tuesday, Nov. 10, will be against the StraightBlackBall and the Destroyers with the Crazy 8 hoping to bounce back against the Hustlers. The Titans clash with the Voyagers in the other scheduled contest.

Action in the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League starts tonight with the Wild Bill's Rack 'N Roll visiting Jonny's Team SCS, while the Jokers Homeboyz take on the WildBoyz, and the Wild Bill's Wild Wild West hosting the National Alamo/Jokers.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Cesar Sangalang of the Jokers Destroyers prepares to hit the No. 9 ball in their game against Jonny's Crazy 8 at the start of the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League at Jonny's Bar in Garapan.



Lowry, Raptors start 4-0 for 1st time, beating Mavs, 102-91

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MP United, Kanoa top U12 foes



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MP United's Rintaro Miyawaki, right, kicks the ball while being defended by Paire's Maui Johnson, 23, and Blake Mister during the second half of their co-ed U12 game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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MP United Football Club and Kanoa FC outclassed their respective foes in the co-ed U12 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

MP United faced Paire at Pitch 1 and pulled off a 3-2 victory, while Kanoa downed Tan Holdings at Pitch 2, 3-1. With their wins MP United and Kanoa remained in the Top 2 in the team standings with the former holding a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record and the latter having a 2-0-1 card. Tan Holdings is in third place with its 1-0-1 slate, while Paire is at the bottom with its 0-0-3 card.

Dylan Cho scored a pair of goals in MP United's third win, while Reginald Pascual made the other one. Dominic Torres and Marty Taisacan recorded one goal apiece for Paire, which

took the early lead, 1-0, off the eighth minute. Cho knotted the count with his conversion in the 14th minute and handed MP United a 2-1 lead with his second goal nine minutes into the final half. Pascual lit up the board anew for MP United in the 47th minute, while Taisacan registered the last goal in the match one minute later.

In the Kanoa-Tan Holdings tiff, three different players scored for the former. Jaydee Jose started things out for Kanoa with his goal in the 12th minute, while Ian Karl Maniago made it a 2-0 advantage after finding the

back of the net in the 25th. A Taka Borja goal in the 36th minute moved Tan Holdings
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Top 5 finish for Schorr, Song

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr and Ken Song made it to the Top 5 of the Oceania Tennis Federation's 14 and Under 14 Circuit final rankings that was released last Monday.

The 13-year-old Schorr emerged as the highest-ranked Commonwealth player in the inaugural 14 and Under Circuit after finishing third with his 2,220 points. Song came in at fourth with his 1,380 rankings, beating Tahiti's Jeremy Guines in the tiebreak.

Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy won the first circuit title after collecting 4,500 ranking points, while Tahiti's Gillian Osmont settled for runner-up honors with his 2,700. Ranking points were awarded to players who competed in various tournaments held in the 2014-2015 season.

"It's great that Robbie and Ken made it to the Top 5. They have shown tremendous improvement since the beginning of the season. They have been very committed to tennis, training very hard six times a week," CNMI coach Jeff Race said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Race also noted that he Top 2 players in the circuit got more points than Schorr and Song because Mainguy and Osmont

competed in one more tournament. The CNMI Sports Hall of Famer added that Schorr even defeated Mainguy in one of the events under the Circuit.

Race is talking of Schorr's 6-4, 6-7 (3), 10-7 victory over the Vanuatu player in the singles contest of the team event in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships held in Fiji in August.

"I hope our players will continue to improve and move up to the ladder next season," Race said.

Three other CNMI bets joined Schorr and Song in the rankings with Vincent Tudela placing at No. 11 and Haruya Eda and Steven Goodwin fin-

ishing at No. 22 and 30, respectively. Tudela collected 620 points, Eda earned 240, and Goodwin got 140. Vanuatu's Marlin Hannam (1,190 points), Samoa's Kristen Pavitt (980), Kiribati's Banian Ieora (890), Fiji's Shantanu Shail (770), and the Federated States of Micronesia's Joab William (760) rounded out the Top 10.

Meanwhile, the 14 and Under Circuit will start awarding ranking points for the 2015-2016 this month with the staging of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic on Saipan. Four more events are lined up for the new season—a tournament in Sa-

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From left, Ken Song, Robbie Schorr, Vincent Tudela, and Steven Goodwin, seen here posing for a photo during the 2015 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam, made it to the final rankings in the 14 and Under Circuit of the Oceania Tennis Federation.

Yang rules another Cross Country leg



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Agape Christian School's Sophi Shie heads toward the finish line after completing the 3.2-mile run in the girls U18 division of last Saturday's 2015 All Schools Cross Country race at the Airport Field.

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Agape Christian School's Yang Sheng Ai booked her second win in the 2015 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field.

Yang led an all ACS finish in the girls U18 division clocking 28:24 in completing the 3.2-mile (5.1K) distance for high school runners.

She actually shaved more than two minutes off her winning time of 30:36 in the inaugural leg of the annual racing event last Oct. 24.

Sophi Shie again finished second but this time was a bit slower at 33:54 compared to

the 31:46 she recorded also last Oct. 24.

Evangelina Liu, who was second to the last in the first leg with 42:29, made a huge improvement when she came in third at 34:44.

Marianas High School's David Roberto, who did not join the opening leg, duplicated Yang's feat in the boys U18 category. He clocked 14:04 for a full seven-minute lead over distant second-placer Jason Wang of ACS (21:38).

Djay March Ong was a minute behind Wang as the now Saipan Southern High School bet submitted a time of 22:40.

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